

U.S. NAVY RAIDS JAPANESE NAVAL BASES RED ARMY RECAPTURES 60 VILLAGES

Men Find Way to Double Output--Steel Firm Says 'No!'

We print below a letter sent to us by an active member of the CIO steel workers union. Coming as it does on the heels of President Philip Murray's charge that the Steel corporations are not producing enough steel, we believe that this letter contains information that warrants investigation by defense officials.

Bethlehem, Pa.
Workers Correspondence Dept.:
The Victory Production Committee of Local 1409, SWOC, is guiding the 22,000 workers in the Bethlehem Steel plant here into all-out war effort.

This committee, under the chairmanship of Francis Hagerty, has placed as its main task the effort to increase production of war materials, and is now in the process of collecting data from shop stewards in every department on methods of increasing production.

In the drop forge department, one union man anticipated the work of the committee by showing the management how to increase production of airplane cylinders by almost 100 per cent.

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LaGuardia to Give Up Defense Post

Announces Air Raid Service Will Be Streamlined; to Form Reserve Corps

Mayor LaGuardia announced yesterday that as soon as he winds up "a few things to complete the organization" he will relinquish his post as United States Director of Civilian Defense.

He made his statement during his regular weekly desk side chat from his office over station WNYC at noon on Sunday.

He said that the organization work of the OCD "is now about completed" and that "from now on it became an administrative duty."

BUSY FIGHTING AXIS

He thanked those citizens and many "political opponents" who "understand the situation" of a busy executive holding two full-time jobs, but to those "who have distorted the situation" he said:

"Well, I repeat, I'm too busy fighting the Japs and the Nazis, and the fascists, to pay any attention to them."

The Mayor also announced that it is now necessary to "streamline" the city's air raid warden service and said that the 20,000 men and women already enrolled are more than can be used.

"Some will necessarily have to be dropped from the rolls," he said, after which "a first reserve corps will be formed."

LaGuardia disclosed that "a very important war activity will be transferred to New York City," but he declined to specify its nature. He said it is a plan "of great magnitude and concerns the city in a very large measure" and added that, "of course, all New Yorkers will know about it very soon."

Kills 125 Nazis— Gets Order of Lenin

MOSCOW, Feb. 1 (UP).—The Leningrad Military Council was revealed today to have decorated Fedotol Smolyachkov with the Order of Lenin for his proficiency as a guerrilla sniper and organizer since the German invasion.

By Nov. 7 he had accounted single handed for 23 Germans. His unit was credited with killing 145 Germans, of whom Smolyachkov alone dispatched 125.

Another Nazi General Dies—Very Suddenly

(By United Press)
Another German general—Major Gen. Hans Hoffman, the Bavarian Storm Troop leader—has died of a heart attack at Munich, according to a Berlin broadcast recorded by NBC. He was 66, and will get a state funeral, the dispatch said.



Urge Action To Halt Tire Profiteering

Ask Congress to End Confusion About Rubber Situation

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1 (UP).—The American Automobile Association tonight urged Congress to end confusion about the rubber situation so the public will realize that it must safeguard limited rubber supplies.

President Thomas P. Henry of the association wrote Chairman Harry S. Truman, D. Mo., of the Senate Defense Investigating Committee, that "A most confusing situation" has developed in connection with rubber supplies which should be corrected immediately.

Widespread publicity has been given to plans for production of synthetic and South American rubber, as well as statements of rubber industry leaders discounting the rubber shortage, he said.

"There have been charges of government waste in the use of rubber," he added. "Tire bootlegging and price gouging of motorists buying used tires and tubes and re-treading is causing much concern in widely scattered sections. If not controlled, it is certain to lead to large-scale 'Black Markets' and a serious setback to the whole national program for rubber conservation."

Three Parties Unite Against Fare Increase

Kings County ALP Clubs Launch Drive for 50,000 Names

Declaring that the 5 cent fare is traditional in New York City and that the people have fought and won many great battles preventing an increased fare, Irving D. Neustein, Democratic leader, Samuel S. Koenig, Republican leader, and Alfred L. Tanz, American Labor leader, all of the 6th Assembly District, New York County, yesterday made a public statement indicating their opposition to an increase in fare.

The statement calls attention to the fact that the subway is an absolute necessity for millions of New Yorkers—and that safeguarding the 5 cent fare is of immense importance because any increase in fare is a blow to the family budget and a menace to the all out effort to smash the enemy. Keeping prices down is a key legislative matter in maintaining and improving public morale and in winning the war.

KINGS COUNTY ALP CLUBS SPREAD PETITIONS

The 25 Assembly District clubs of the Kings County Progressive Committee of the American Labor Party have pledged to secure 50,000 signatures to petitions "To Save the Five Cent Fare During the War" within two weeks. Max Torchin, executive secretary announced yesterday.

The plan of the Committee of Fifteen to raise the five cent fare will do incalculable harm to our war efforts, he said.

The Kings County Progressive Committee of the American Labor Party wholeheartedly supports the Muscatello-Catenaccio Bill, which would freeze the five cent fare for the duration, it was announced.

Irish Leader Here Urges Eire To Fight Axis

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Feb. 1 (UP).—Dr. Francis E. McMahon, Midwest chairman of the American Irish Defense Association and associate professor of Philosophy at Notre Dame University, today sent a telegraphic plea to Prime Minister Eamon De Valera of Ireland to join the war against Hitler.

"I appeal to you and the Irish people," said the cablegram, "to make common cause with 20,000,000 Americans of Irish descent against the forces menacing Christian Religion and culture. Eire's aloofness is incomprehensible while nation after nation is being crucified. Your lot is with us in this fight for freedom."

Rolls Nazis Back to 3rd Lines Of Defense

200,000 Fresh Hitler Troops Already Badly Battered and Mauled

MOSCOW, Feb. 1 (UP).—The Red Army tonight reported the capture of 60 villages in a three-day battle "of rare violence" on the Central Front as its great winter offensive rolled the desperately struggling Germans back into their second and third defense lines.

Military dispatches from all parts of the Soviet front reported mounting Soviet successes—"many more" villages reclaimed and hundreds of

The Moscow radio said the staff officers of four Italian divisions in the Donets Basin which had suffered heavy losses in men and equipment had demanded the withdrawal of the divisions, "as further participation may result in their utter destruction."

Germans killed in the Ukraine, 10 strategic points taken along the Volga salient northwest of Moscow, and two enemy divisions routed in the Leningrad area.

The night communiqué of the Soviet High Command said a battle for an important point in the Volga salient was ranging for six days, with the German dead already estimated at 600. A three-day battle ended with the occupation of the village "K" in the streets of which were 500 German bodies.

FRESH TROOPS BATTERED
The Soviet Army organ Red Star said Adolf Hitler had thrown 200,000 fresh troops into the struggle, "several" divisions of which already were shattered and others badly mauled.

"We must defeat the enemy so quickly and so thoroughly that he will be unable to consolidate his defense lines," the organ said.

The Red Army admitted that the Germans, strongly reinforced by 13 divisions brought up from occupied territories, were counter-attacking on all fronts, but said the relentless offensive continued to win ground.

"The Germans are falling back and covering their withdrawal by rear guard action, attempting at all costs to transfer their tanks, guns and heavy equipment to the second and third lines of defense," a military spokesman broadcasting from the Central Front said.

"We are not allowing the enemy to carry out an orderly retreat. We must advance and we are advancing rapidly, giving the enemy no respite."

Red Star said the secondary German defense lines were "under

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Minor, at YCL Parley, Warns Of New 5th Column Tactics

New Troops Strengthen Singapore Garrison

Indomitable Stand Will Win Freedom, Says Island Governor

SINGAPORE, Feb. 1 (UP).—Besieged Singapore's big guns and planes hurled tons of bombs and shells into the Japanese ranks in plain sight across Johore Strait today while British sky patrols over the island skirmished furiously with Japanese bombers.

Substantial reinforcements have reached Singapore within the last few days, Gov. Sir Shenton Thomas revealed, and more are on the way. He pledged the island's garrison and 750,000 people to an indomitable stand until swelling Imperial might can turn the invasion tide.

"All we have to do is hang on grimly and inflexibly, not very long, and our reward will be freedom, happiness and peace for every one of us," Thomas declared in a broadcast promising that "Singapore will be held."

At last the chips were down in the defense of this greatest Allied base in the Far East. The rumble

Urge Use of Chinese Troops In Burma

CHUNGKING, Feb. 1 (UP).—The Catholic newspaper Yi Shih Pao said today it regretted that Gen. Sir Archibald P. Wavell, United Nations commander in the Far East, had not sent Chinese troops into action against the Japanese in Burma.

In view of the British retreat from Malaya, it said the British command should guard against repeating "past mistakes."

"Immediate consideration should be given whether the British troops in Burma are adequate," it said. "Otherwise, the bulk of Chinese troops are ready to rush in."

It said Laving Chinese troops in Burma and not using them was "a great mistake."

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'Lick Japan First' Cry Aids Hitler, He Tells Delegates

Warning that the fifth column in this country is masking itself in new forms, Robert Minor, acting secretary of the Communist Party told the national council of the Young Communist League that propagandists who shout "Lick Japan first" are working to relieve the pressure on Hitler who is getting trounced by the Red Army.

Such propaganda, Minor warned, is aimed at helping the Axis on all fronts.

The closing sessions of the two-day conference devoted to the problems of the young generation-in-arms also heard Minor emphasize that the freeing of Earl Browder is necessary in the fight against fifth column and Quisling elements in this country.

VICTORY FOR APPEASERS

"The presence of Earl Browder in prison is a success of the Lindberghs, the Dieses and the Hamilton Fishes," he said. "Our interest in this is not merely based upon our love and our personal need and our party need of the great Browder. Our interest is also the interest that the presence of Browder in prison is a success of the Hamilton Fish who works under the direction of George Sylvester Verwerck, paid agent and registered agent of the Hitler government, and of the Martin Dies who boasts he is personally re-

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Corregidor Repulses Attempt At Landing

MacArthur's Forces Hold Against New Thrust by Japanese

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1 (UP).—The first Japanese attempt to land forces on Corregidor, island bastion guarding the entrance to Manila Bay, and other island fortifications has failed, with complete destruction of enemy launches and landing barges, the Army said today.

The invasion force, massed at Ternate on the south side of the bay some 10 miles from Corregidor, was blasted out of the water by big guns of the island fortresses which lie in an arc across the mouth of the bay, blocking its entrance and also protecting the rear of Gen. Douglas MacArthur's forces battling on Batan Peninsula.

News of the repulse of the newest Japanese thrust in the two-month-old Philippines war was contained in War Department communiqué No. 37 which also said that "several strong enemy thrusts

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Raid Island Bases, Sink Many Enemy Vessels

Attack Is First Major U. S. Fleet Action in Pacific War

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1 (UP).—United States Navy sea and air forces have carried out a successful attack on Japanese naval and air bases in the Marshall and Gilbert islands, sinking or damaging auxiliary naval craft and bombing shore positions, the Navy Department announced tonight.

The United States forces under Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, striking nearly two-thirds of the way across the Pacific, caught the Japanese by surprise under a rain of bombs, torpedoes and heavy shellfire from the fleet units.

The fact that airplanes took part in the heavy attack—first U. S. major fleet action in World War II—indicated that an aircraft carrier accompanied the battle force.

"In the Marshalls," the communiqué said, "bases on the islands of Jaluit, Wotje, Kwajalein, Roi (in the Kwajalein atoll) and Taroa (in the Maloelap atoll) were raided. Makin Island (in the Gilberts), occupied by the Japanese since Dec. 2, 1941, also was attacked."

Wotje, the principal Japanese base of those under attack, is 2,000 air-miles southwest of Pearl Harbor and 635 miles due south of Wake Island.

The Marshall Islands are part of the Japanese-mandated area in the mid-Pacific.

The daring raid, further evidence of the expanding power being amassed in the Pacific war theater by the United Nations, apparently was part of a broad plan to keep shipping lanes to Australia and the Netherlands East Indies free of Jap air and sea attack.

From these bases Japanese forces could, unless smashed or immobilized by constant attack, slash southward across the vital supply routes. Admiral Nimitz reported that while no large enemy combatant vessels were found, "many enemy fleet auxiliaries were sunk, beached or otherwise damaged extensively," the communiqué said.

The text of the communiqué follows:

"Central Pacific:
"A surprise attack has been made upon Japanese naval and air bases in the Marshall and Gilbert Islands. The attack was successful."

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Anti-Axis Candidate Leading in Chile

200,000 Demonstrate Support for United Nations

BULLETIN

SANTIAGO, Chile, Feb. 1 (UP).—Juan Antonio Rios, radical party candidate who had the backing of the "Anti-Fascist Democratic Front," held a comfortable and steadily growing lead tonight in returns from today's Presidential election to name a successor to the late President Aguirre Cerda, who died last November.

Spread Anti-Nazi Leaflets, 3 in Brussels to Die

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 1. — The Berlin Correspondent of Dagens Nyheter reported yesterday that in Brussels Jules Kenleer, a police official; Robert Vismberg, an architect; and Roger Liblion, a student, have been sentenced to death for the circulation of anti-German leaflets.

By Fernando Murillo

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

SANTIAGO, Chile, Feb. 1. — As Chileans went to the polls today in one of the most crucial elections in the history of the republic, Santiago witnessed powerful demonstrations of anti-fascist solidarity.

Two hundred thousand Santiaguinos paraded in one of the biggest demonstrations in the history of the country. A monster rally was held in Plaza Bulnes where a monumental stand was erected decorated with the pictures of Roosevelt, Churchill, Stalin and other leaders of democratic peoples.

Former President Alessandro Paz, delivering a speech of an hour and a half, called upon the Chilean people to consolidate their national union as the only way to defend the country from the tyranny of fascism.

Alessandro praised the resolutions of the Rio de Janeiro conference. "There is no doubt," he said, "that Chile will fulfill her obligations for continental defense."

Popular Front Presidential Candidate Juna Antonio Rios delivered a magnificent speech affirming his faith in democracy and dedicating himself to his popular program outlined in his speech of last Sunday.

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Chinese Still Driving Enemy On Canton

CHUNGKING, Feb. 1 (UP).—Mounting Chinese pressure east of Canton frightened the Japanese today as frenzied counter-attacks to-day as Chinese newspapers here clamored for use of Chinese troops in Burma against the Japanese to save Rangoon and the Burma road.

Military reports from Kwangtung province said fierce sea-saw fighting was in progress along the Canton-Kowloon railway, important land artery between Canton and Hong Kong.

The Japanese were throwing every available unit into thrusts against the Chinese to keep them away from the railway long enough to repair bridges and resume traffic.

Observers said continuous Chinese jabs at Japanese garrisons and communications lines throughout the area since December were beginning to have a cumulative effect that not only tied up many Japanese troops but made their hold on Kwangtung province precarious.

Appeasers Fear Browder --- Wire F.D.R. to Free Him



Red Army Cossacks, like those above, have startled the military world by their devastating hitting power—something Hitler can attest to on the Eastern Front.

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feverish construction" and the invasion armies hoped to snatch footholds in them and prepare for a spring offensive.

"Our rapid advance must oblige the main German Army to accept battle, not permit it to detach itself from pursuit," it said.

It added that the success of the Soviet plans depended on the speed and synchronization of the advance, searching out and smashing all weak points, forcing the Germans to throw in their main forces, and "smash them before spring."

Major battles raged along one of the main highways of the Central Front, where Soviet cavalry guards punctured the German lines and spreading out fanwise, threatened several enemy forces.

BEAT 5 ATTACKS

In a neighboring sector the Red Army repulsed five counter-attacks in a single day, and only the arrival of fresh German reserves prevented the Soviet forces from reaching the highway.

Mobile artillery was playing an increasing role in the advances everywhere. The Red Army was moving light artillery on skis to keep pace with the advancing infantry and give it continual support.

The Communist newspaper Pravda reported that Gen. Ivan Shapetov had invented new artillery tactics which broke through the German lines, but it gave no explanation.

A Red Air Force official broadcasting from his headquarters on the Central Front said scores of German planes in perfect condition were captured on the ground. He quoted prisoners as saying they would not function because of the cold.

A Pravda war correspondence reported from the Leningrad Front that the Seventh German Parachute Division, transferred from Crete, and the 223rd Infantry Division, brought up from Bordeaux, had been routed.

Noted Pianist to Play at 'Daily' Anniversary

Robert Minor Will Bring Greetings to Paper; Art Young to Speak

Judith Sidorsky, noted pianist and winner of the Walter Naumburg Award, has been added to the group of celebrities who will appear at the Eighteenth Anniversary celebration of the Daily Worker to be held Sunday afternoon, Feb. 8, at Manhattan Center.

Robert Minor, acting secretary of the Communist Party, will address the meeting and bring greetings to the paper from the National Committee of the Communist Party.

Other famous Americans who will appear include Art Young, famed cartoonist; Mike Gold, Daily Worker columnist; Louis F. Budenz, president of the Freedom of the Press Co., Inc.; and Benjamin J. Davis, Jr., secretary-treasurer of the publishing concern.

Entertainers will be Ruth Fremont, operatic singer; Laura Duncan, popular singer; and other well-known artists.

Miss Sidorsky has appeared with the Philadelphia, Detroit, Chattanooga, Federal and Newark Symphonies. Recently she premiered the works of two American composers, Aaron Copland and William Schuman.

Plans for the meeting are on the Workers Bookshop, 50 St.

Nazis in Mexico Still Active, Paper Warns

Have Merely Reorganized, Says Anti-Nazi Publication

By Alfred Miller
(Special to the Daily Worker)

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 1.—Despite the action of President Avila Camacho in breaking off diplomatic relations with the Axis powers more than a month ago, the Nazi Party in Mexico is still carrying on its subversive work, according to the weekly anti-Nazi bulletin, "Alemania Libre."

To be sure, the bulletin points out the apparatus of the Party has undergone a quick reorganization because of the changed international situation, and also because the chief leaders have been obliged to leave Mexico for Sulphur Springs, U. S. A., where they are interned. The new Nazi leader here is Fritz Theise, former director of the German College at Puebla. Theise took the place of von Wallenberg-Pachall, one of the deported Nazi diplomats.

In an article published in the Nazi organ, "Deutsche Zeitung von Mexico," after Mexican-German relations had been severed according to "Alemania Libre" had the brass to assert, "We shall win."

The bulletin maintains that the chief of the Gestapo in Mexico, George Nikolaus, his adjutant, Walter Westphal; the head of Nazi commercial espionage, Alexander Holste, and Ewald Bork, director of the Banco Germanico and treasurer of the party, among others, "are continuing with impunity their sinister work."

But the anti-Nazi forces of Mexico are gathering for action. In order "to rally all the anti-Nazi forces of the country" the Accion Democratica Internacional, which is a federation of all the foreign anti-fascist groups in Mexico, is calling a "Congress Against Nazi-Fascism" to take place tomorrow and Saturday (Jan. 30-31) at the Power House Workers Union Hall in this city.

Among the speakers will be Alejandro Carrillo, editor of "El Popular"; Francisco Prola, professor at the National University, and Paul Cordero Amador, president of the Accion Democratica Internacional.

Tugwell Acts to End Puerto Rico Sugar Strike

SAN JUAN, P. R., Feb. 1 (UP).

Gov. Rexford Guy Tugwell moved today to end a two-week sugar strike with the announcement that a minimum wage board will soon be established, with union representation, to determine pay scales for sugar workers.

Tugwell said that he would "take it for granted that the sugar producers will reinstate striking workers and refrain from engaging in unfair labor practices in violation of the national labor relations law."

The first violence in the strike occurred yesterday when one striker was shot and killed and eight wounded at the Aguirre Sugar Central. The situation was quiet today.

Marcelo J. Oben, manager of the Aguirre Central, his son and 13 others are held in a total of \$635,000 bail in connection with the shooting.

Nazis Execute 13 Belgians, Woman Also Is Slain

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 1.—Thirteen people, one of them a woman, were executed by the Nazi authorities in Belgium, it is reported today by the Berlin correspondent of the Dagbladet Nyheter, well known Swedish newspaper published here.

All thirteen were charged with "supporting the enemy." Three of them were also accused of sabotage in German factories. Sentence of death was imposed by the Nazi military tribunal in Brussels.

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of artillery and the now familiar drone of warplanes were ceaseless reminders that the siege was on and that the Japanese were drawing their forces into close array on the tip of the surrendered Malaya mainland.

A brief communique told of Imperial artillery laying down a harassing barrage against Japanese concentrations and communications in Southern Johore during the night. British planes ranged over the mainland plastering the enemy positions with bombs and starting fires which glowed brightly across the mile-wide strait.

Enemy aircraft have been active throughout the last 24 hours," the communique said, "and there have been a number of raids. Damage and casualties so far are reported slight."

Three Japanese fighters were knocked out of the sunny sky over Singapore in the Saturday raids and one Imperial plane was lost. Defense fighters swept up to challenge the raiders again Sunday. The British lost one plane in the resulting dogfights, but the pilot saved himself.

BRITISH STABILIZE NEW BURMA FRONT

RANGOON, Feb. 1 (UP).—British Imperials have "stabilized" their new front along the west bank of the broad and treacherous Salween River, 130 coastline miles east of Rangoon, in preparation for an offensive to drive all Japanese and Thai invaders out of Burma, it was announced today.

The Japanese apparently had not advanced beyond the port of Moulmein, Burma's third largest city, which the British abandoned three days ago to take up stronger positions along the river eight miles northwest. The estuary of this river is three miles wide and flanked by swamps, and the upper reaches, which extended 1,750 miles through China's province to Tibet, are full of rapids and whirlpools, making it a formidable obstacle to the invaders.

While army headquarters reported "all fronts stabilized," Royal Air Force headquarters revealed there were four more Japanese air raids during the night on the airport north of Rangoon, base of operations for American and RAF fighter and bomber planes.

The Japanese turned to night raiding after suffering terrific casualties in daylight attacks—including 110 planes shot down by the American volunteer group. There were neither casualties nor damage in last night's raid, which continued up to 6 a. m. today, the RAF reported.

Aubrey Mallach of the Office of Civilian Defense said the city OGD was organizing defense councils in neighborhoods throughout the city. One hundred delegates attended from affiliated neighborhood locals throughout the Greater New York area. Locals included the Chelsea Tenants League, Clinton Tenants League, Consolidated Tenants League (Upper Harlem), Harlem River Residents Association, Laven-Homes Tenants Council, Lincoln Square Tenants League, Neighborhood Tenants League (Lower West Harlem), Queensbridge Tenants League, Red Hook Tenants Council, Vladeck Tenants League, West Side Tenants League and the Williamsburg Community Association.

Pearl Harbor Dead Not Received Here

Rear Adm. Adolphus Andrews, Commandant of the Third Naval District, in a formal statement today denied a rumor that bodies of persons killed in the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor had been received here.

Reserve Troops Ready for Front Line Action, Soviet General Says

Navy, in Surprise Blow, Hits Japanese Pacific Naval Bases

Commander of Volga Area Reviews Armies In Rear

By Lieut. Gen. Kalinin
(Commander of Volga Military Area)
(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

KUIBYSHEV, Feb. 1.—The Soviet government and the Supreme Command began the formation of reserves from the very first days of the war. Some of the reserve units and armies formed in the deep interior already have been inflicting blow upon blow on the enemy, while new armies are being formed in the rear.

The U. S. S. R. has tremendous reserves which are ready at a moment's notice to take their place in the front ranks. Meantime, the reserve units are perfecting their knowledge and skill. I just returned from a month's tour during which I inspected the reserve units of the Volga Military Area.

I derived great satisfaction from observing how the men were mastering the weapons and tactics of modern warfare.

Every man is a good skier. It is clear that a rifle unit placed on skis can successfully solve any military task in winter warfare, quickly maneuvering and striking sudden blows.

The shooting grounds of this formation are a kind of laboratory. There were trenches, dugouts, and various targets—stationary, moving and camouflaged targets.

While undergoing target practice the men at the same time are solving tactical problems. There is a Red Army man swiftly skidding towards a firing line indicated to him. Suddenly shots are fired from the "enemy" side. The man quickly drops to the ground and crawling some three meters aside, quickly rises and again races on. This is repeated several times and kept up until every man has success in reaching the line.

It is hard to hit a man who skillfully runs across, knows how to make use of natural conditions of terrain for the purpose of camouflage. The training of reserves is conducted in any weather and is brought as close as possible to the conditions of actual warfare. The tactical exercises are intended to develop the Red Army men's initiative, courage, firmness of will.

Field exercises are held day and night. In the near future, the reserves will be called upon for glorious deeds. They will be called upon to inflict a withering blow on the enemy. The high morale of the men, their successes in military training—all this testifies that this great task will be fulfilled with honor.

City Employees Union Hits Six-Day Week

SCMWA Convention Hears Hodson Praise Union

"There are no Quislings, no Pe-tains, and no American Firsters in the American labor movement," Abram Flaxer, national president of the State Council and Municipal Workers of America, told the fourth annual convention of New York City's Department of Welfare Local 1.

Over 200 delegates meeting at the George Washington Hotel also heard Welfare Commissioner William Hodson outline the tasks his staff may be called upon to face in event of a bombing attack on this city.

Opening the three-day sessions, Manager Samuel Sorkin, head of the largest CIO local of civil service workers in the nation called upon Mayor LaGuardia to rescind the six-day work week order so "damaging to morale." Sorkin reiterated, however, the determination of his organization to make any legitimate sacrifice necessary in the winning of the war. "The six-day week, however, is not needed today in the municipal service; it should be rescinded, holidays and vacations restored."

Mr. Flaxer pointed out that conciliation boards could adjust the problem of meeting the rising cost of living by granting wage increases to civil service workers. Congratulating the SCMWA for its support of all war activities in the Department, Commissioner Hodson indicated the Department would be called upon to "devote all its resources, personnel, and facilities in time of need."

Other speakers at the opening session included Ewart Guinier, president of the New York District of the SCMWA, who said, "Our union fights discrimination, but we must never lose sight of our wider fight against fascism, the epitome of all discrimination." Guinier strongly criticized the Red Cross discrimination against Negroes by refusing to accept the "acknowledged fact that there is no difference in blood between Negro and white and therefore there is no necessity for maintaining a separate blood bank."

Minor Warns Of New Fifth Column Moves

Tells YCL Conference Traitors Seek to Rob USSR of Aid

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responsible for Browder's imprisonment—these reactionaries are the traitors.

"Our success in taking Browder to the masses is going to be a very important part of the success of our country in winning the greatest of all fights at the greatest of all moments in our country's life," he concluded.

The YCL's meeting concluded last night with reports from the last of dozens of delegates representing the organization in every part of the country. They outlined a program for local and national work to carry out the perspectives detailed in the morning by Henry Winston, national administrative secretary of the League who will soon be called up to the colors.

"Just as our forefathers met America's previous crises in 1776 and 1861 with confidence and courage," said the young Negro leader, "so we in our day are doing likewise, defending not only our present but the future existence of our people. This is in the spirit of Earl Browder."

"There is no task too small for us. Our concern is not alone with politics but also with every single practical measure which will help to strengthen and consolidate our National Unity." Winston promised the YCL's support to the Victory Book Campaign, to campaigns for cigarettes, candy, razor blades, sweaters and other useful articles for the boys in the services.

The delegates approved a proposal that a three-month drive be undertaken to raise the circulation of the Review, youth's anti-Axis weekly newspaper, to 30,000.

M'Arthur Stops Japanese Effort To Land Troops

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at our lines in Bataan Peninsula during the past 24 hours were repelled."

"A night attack on our center was thrown back," the communique said. "The fighting was heavy, but all of our positions were firmly held. Enemy losses were relatively large. Artillery activity on both sides was heavy throughout the day."

But it was the attempted assault on MacArthur's island strong points which drew most attention.

It has been assumed that should the position of battle-weary American and Filipino defenders on Bataan at last become untenable, MacArthur would retire to these fortresses and prepare for a siege. In American hands the fortresses effectively block Manila Bay, best anchorage in the Far East, and prevent its use by the Japanese.

Should they fall to the Japanese, however, MacArthur's land forces would be caught in a huge vise, under bombardment from both front and rear, with collapse of all organized resistance inevitable.

JAPANESE NEAR KEY INDIES AIRPORT

BATAVIA, N. E. I., Feb. 1 (UP).—Japanese bombers struck today at Dutch Timor, southernmost of the Indies, only 310 miles from the Australian coast, while Dutch troops fiercely battled landing parties at four points, including the Ambon naval base.

In their deepest air raid yet made into the Indies, Japanese planes attacked Koepang and shipping south of there, in the strait between Timor and the small island of Semau (Semau). There was said to have been no damage or casualties.

Koepang, with its important airfield, is a stop on the air line between Australia and Java. Darwin, naval base on the north coast of Australia, is 570 miles to the south-east. Soerabaja, main Dutch naval base, is 830 miles to the northwest. Ambon, now under heavy Japanese attack, is 580 miles northeast of Koepang. Latest reports from Ambon said the Japanese had pushed close to the airport.

Hari-Kari for The General Who Lost at Changsha

CHUNGKING, Feb. 1 (UP).—Authoritative Chinese sources said today that Japanese Gen. Kori-chika Anami killed himself at Hankow on Jan. 30 for shame over the Japanese defeat at Changsha. Anami was commander of the Japanese 11th army, the force which was defeated at Changsha by the Chinese, with exceptionally heavy losses.

Report Sinking Many Enemy Auxiliary Vessels

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cented by surface and air units of the United States Pacific Fleet.

"In the Marshalls, bases on the islands of Jalut Wele, Kwajalein, Roi (in the Kwajalein Atoll) and Taroa (in the Malapal Atoll) were raided.

"Makin Island, occupied by the Japanese since Dec. 7, 1941 also was attacked. "Admiral Nimitz reports that while no large enemy combatant vessels were found, many enemy fleet auxiliaries were sunk, beached or otherwise damaged extensively. "Japanese military installations on shore were hit hard by naval aviation units and shellfire. Many enemy airplanes were destroyed both on the ground and in the air."

"Our naval aircraft struck the enemy positions and ships with bombs, torpedoes and guns.

"Our surface ships, meanwhile, bombarded many of the enemy key shore positions.

"Two of our surface vessels received minor damage from near bomb misses.

"Eleven American aircraft failed to return from the attack."

"Our total personnel losses are not yet known, but are believed to have been slight."

"There is nothing to report from other areas."

Anti-Fascist Leads in Chile National Poll

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day. It was then that he denounced fascism at home and abroad and declared his resolution to cooperate in continental defense.

LABARCA SPEAKS

Another outstanding figure at the rally was Senator Carlos Contreras Labarca, general secretary of the Chilean Communist Party, who said that the demonstration was proof of the Chilean people's determination to seal their national unity against fascism.

Referring to the Rio de Janeiro conference he said that the Chilean people expect that the government will cut without delay all commercial and diplomatic ties with the Axis, demanding that all Axis spies and saboteurs in the country be jailed immediately for the sake of the nation's security.

He also urged that the nation's defense program be put into operation without more delay.

Also participating in the rally were Marmaduke Grove, general secretary of the Socialist Party; Juan Pradenas Munoz, president of the Democratic Party; Cesar Godoy Urrutia, general secretary of the Socialist Workers Party and Bernardo Bizarri, general secretary of the Confederation of Labor.

CONSERVATIVES PRESENT

On the podium of the rally were even prominent conservatives such as Conservative Party Leader Rafael Luis Gumucio. Others included Liberal Senator Gregorio Amunategui; Socialist leader Oscar Schuck and Communist Party President Elias Lafertie.

The joint appearance of all these Chilean leaders of the widest political persuasions is proof of the unity of the movement to defeat Hitler, the fascist candidate.

The polls opened this morning at 8.

Rostov Hospitals Rapidly Resuming Normal Activity

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

Rostov, Feb. 1.—Work is now being completed on repairing hospitals and medical institutions in Rostov and the Rostov region. Practically all the doctors and nurses are at their posts.

Dispensaries, hospitals and clinics are open and the people are again getting full medical service. The Rostov Bacteriological Institute and the Institute of Tropical Medical Research have resumed work. The Institute of Hygiene will open Sunday and medical studies are scheduled to begin at an early date.

Men Find Way to Increase Output, Steel Firm Says 'No!'

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This man first secured a promise from his foreman that piece rates would not be cut, then he and his crew went to their press and turned out 300 cylinders in one shift, as compared to the usual production quota of 160. Since this one shop produces about half of the cylinders in the nation, the importance of such an increase can be readily seen.

However, the men in the plant find it impossible to make this a general practice, because the company has refused to protect piece rates; and instead, it rewards production increases with rate cuts.

management and labor in the various departments, and has refused every offer of the SWOC to cooperate in efforts to increase production or to provide air-raid protection for the plant.

No air-raid drills have been held and no warning devices have been installed in the plant. Moreover, no air-raid shelters have been built. The only precautionary measures that have been taken have been the appointment of a few men, generally non-union members, as fire watchers. The management flatly told the committee that the Bethlehem Steel Company was running the plant and that any measures of protection are to be taken, the company will take them.

This refusal on the part of the company to take air-raid protection seriously, amounts to actual sabotage of the nation's defense efforts.

In order to remedy this state of affairs, the Victory Production committee is organizing classes in first aid for the SWOC members, and has urged all members of the union to volunteer for civilian defense efforts.

The committee also has taken steps to report the attitude of the company to the local civilian defense director, in order to get some action. Victory Committee proposals for plant defense includes the installation of warning devices, the joint appointment of wardens and watchers by the union and the company, adequate air-raid shelters, and the immediate training of first aid men. The committee also asks that the company place first aid equipment throughout the plant, a measure that has not been taken as yet.

VOLUNTEER ORGANIZER.

How Long Will Coughlin's Weekly Be Allowed to Echo Goebbels' Lies?

By Lawrence Emery

"In this country you don't need an expensive short wave radio set tuned to Berlin to keep yourself informed of the latest developments in Nazi propaganda. For a dime you can buy Social Justice and get Goebbels' weekly mess of poison nicely adjusted to the American scene by the fascist of Royal Oak, Charles E. Coughlin.

If you can't find a Christian Fronter hawking the sheet in the streets, you can have it mailed to you because the United States Government, fighting a war to the death with the Axis, still permits this American organ of Hitler's propaganda ministry to circulate freely through the Post Office.

Further Coughlin (the still screens himself with the protective covering of the Church which he represents as much as does the Catholic-baiter Alfred Rosenberg) makes no secret of the fact that he is all out for winning the war—for the Axis.

His contribution to a Berlin-Tokio victory this week includes, among other things, a front-page headline which proclaims that a "Yellow-White Race War May Be Next."

This, of course, is a brain-child of pure Aryan origin, fashioned by Hitler's best "race theorists." According to Charles Coughlin, the Allies have already lost the war in the Pacific and "300-million Orientals" are beginning to chant Britain's requiem in the words of "Asia for the Asiatians."

Japan's warriors, Coughlin lies "already are able to call upon the strength" of the entire 300 million. The practical conclusion is this: "It will be months before the American people realize that their strategy should be to take care of the United States of America first, now that Britain's imperial empire is virtually lost."

In other words, the United States should break with its British ally, pull out of the Far East and give Hitler's Tokyo partner free run to the Soviet border to the Afghanistan frontier. Britain and America, according to Coughlin, are engaged in a war of empire and colonial loot in the Far East in the interests of "international bankers" and are not engaged in winking out a potential threat to all mankind.

Other contributions to an Axis victory in this week's Social Justice include:

JUSTIFY JAPANESE ATTACK
An article proving that Great Britain is through, and that "there is more danger of an upheaval in England than there is of one in Germany." Hitler is praised for "consolidating Europe despite the efforts of the psychological V for victory campaign launched by the rhetorical Prime Minister of Great Britain." The "favorable destiny" of Turkey, Spain and France, the article states, "lies in the hands of Germany and not in those of Britain."

An article describing the Truman Report as "an adroit attempt to exculpate the President's personal muddling in the matter of industrial preparation." This article justifies the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor by stating that at the time it was made "American airmen were in training to fly Chinese bombers against the Japanese."

An editorial denounces the Roberts report on Pearl Harbor as a "Roosevelt whitewash," and declares that "two such 'whitewashes' [the other is the Truman

report] of high-up officialdom in a single week of wartime is intolerable."

Another article denounces the "Communist-dominated National Maritime Union"—whose members are giving their lives daily in the war for freedom—and demands the union's destruction.

"We are wondering where our most dangerous national enemies reside," says another article, "Are they in Berlin, Rome or Tokyo? Or are they in Washington, New York, London and Moscow?"

Treason can go little further than that.

Another article entitled "A Few Predictions of the Future" prophesies a complete and final worldwide Axis victory for the coming year.

It boasts that Hitler has already succeeded "in establishing the United States of Europe." Next "both Britain and the Allied forces will be driven from the Orient," the British "Army will be either 'bottled-up or driven from the Mediterranean," and all Europe will join "with the Axis in a final drive to oust British imperialism and American capitalism from Europe."

Finally, the paper openly admits and justifies its treachery to America with this argument: "Treason to truth and justice can be a more serious offense than betrayal of the State."

How long will such open treason be tolerated in this time of war? How long will this fascist agent enjoy full freedom to pour his poisonous brew of Nazi filth through the mails each week while Americans die on far-flung battlefields to defeat an enemy that he supports?

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\$12,000 Defense Bonds Pledged in One Plant
(Special to the Daily Worker)
NEWARK, Feb. 1.—Employees of the Newark Cabinet Corp. and the Newark Manufacturing Corp. voted here last week to purchase \$12,000 Defense Bonds to be deducted weekly from their wages.

Joseph Magliacano, business agent of Local 92, Furniture, Bedding and Allied Trades Workers Union, CIO, addressed the workers of the Newark Cabinet Corp. and urged them to support the union's program of Defense Bonds purchases.

Other union shops purchasing bonds are the United Bedding Manufacturing Co., Bullitt Rite Upholstery and Sterling Products.

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Labor Asks Representation On Local Rationing Boards

By Eva Lapin

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—It won't be long before American housewives will have to show ration cards to retailers as their sisters in England and the Soviet Union have long had to do.

Ration coupons for sugar are already on government printing presses, and wooden blankets, men's wool clothing, coffee, fats and oils, and silk stockings may be next on the list.

The three-man boards recently set up in local communities to handle the distribution will probably become the rationing agency.

Not only will these boards carry out national policy, but they will have power to decide individual cases and exercise great influence over the living standards of the people in their community.

Labor has raised the issue of broadening out these boards, now largely composed of businessmen, to include trade union and consumer representatives.

At its recent executive board meeting in New York City, the CIO recognized that "working people and farmers are seriously affected by such rationing" and characterized the boards set up for the rationing as "composed largely of employers" with "little or no representation of labor."

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There have been disturbing reports that present rationing boards have not given sufficient consideration to the needs of workers in distribution of tires. Since these boards have now been changed to "general rationing" boards and may be enlarged, this charge becomes all the more serious.

Consumers should know that rationing is the only way to insure an equitable distribution of scarce products. If there were no rationing and price were the only factor deciding who should purchase, there is

little doubt that the wealthy would come out on top.

The most effective enforcement that OPA can have is the vigil of the consumer who will report to local boards any violation of price ceilings, or any evidence of profiteering.

This necessitates adequate labor representation on local rationing boards to insure effective action against violators and speculators.

Sugar rationing is expected to begin early in February. Ration books are already being printed. Henderson has announced that each person will be allowed three-quarters of a pound per week. There is no shortage of sugar, especially if hoarding is prevented, but supplies cut off from the Philippines and Hawaii, and the need for sugar to make explosives, makes rationing necessary.

Last year each person consumed about 74 pounds of sugar, rationing will cut this down to 50 pounds—but no kick is expected to come from the American people when they realize the balance is going to help feed our Allies, particularly the Soviet Union.

Broadening local rationing boards to give labor and consumers a voice in policy will go a long way toward helping the administration keep a firm hand on prices and distribution of scarce products.

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Two Mine Locals Hit Lewis' Stand on War

Back Labor War Board and Praise Leadership of Philip Murray

(Special to the Daily Worker)
PITTSBURGH, Pa., Feb. 1.—Two locals of the United Mine Workers near here passed resolutions yesterday supporting the unity stand of the CIO Executive Council as necessary for winning the war and condemning John L. Lewis for failure to aid in the nation's war effort.

The resolution, as passed at regular meetings of Local 5071 at Ontario, Pa., and Local 2133 at Meadowland, Pa., endorsed the Labor War Board established last week and praised Philip Murray, CIO president, for his leadership of CIO units in the war production drive.

Both locals sharply criticized John L. Lewis for failing to take an active part in the war effort, pointing to the fact that there has not yet appeared any UMW war production plan and declaring that the Lewis unity proposals were not based on "winning the war."

Referring to reports that Lewis may seek to lead the mine union out of the CIO, the resolutions carried a reminder that the UMW had been founder of the CIO and declared that the miners were opposed "to any attempt from any source which brings disunity and disruption to the labor movement and condemns any idea of taking the UMW out of the great CIO."

Restaurant Union Wins Vacation Pay
Former employees of the defunct Wil-Low Corp. cafeteria chain are dividing \$2,377.50 in vacation pay due them beginning today as the result of a precedent-making decision of the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals, which ruled that vacation pay, when covered by union contract, is a preferred claim in the identical sense as wages.

The 200 former employees of the company are receiving 60 cents on the dollar in amounts varying from about \$6 to \$27 each.

The funds are being distributed through the Cafeteria Employees Union, Local 302, AFL.

Strikers Ask Army, Navy to Take Plant
SEATTLE, Feb. 1 (UP).—Striking independent welders in Puget Sound defense industries answered a government return-to-work demand by petitioning the Army and Navy to take over operation of the plants.

CIO, AFL Hit Lengthening of Hours in Ohio

Protest to Governor Against Violations of State Law

(Special to the Daily Worker)
COLUMBUS, Feb. 1.—CIO and AFL members protested to Gov. John W. Bricker here last week an attempt of George A. Strain, Industrial Relations Director, to lengthen the work-week for men and women.

"We are vigorously for the defense of war production," Ted F. Silvey, Ohio CIO secretary-treasurer, declared, "but as long as there are competent available unemployed, it is not necessary to exhaust those who are on production."

Local 141 of the Laborers' and Oddsmen's Union of Operative Pottery, AFL, informed the Governor that some industrialists were eager to grab profits for themselves as a result of the relaxation of the 40-hour work-week.

Silvey pointed out that Strain had already issued 82 temporary permits allowing the 48-hour law for women and "is willing not only to blink at violations of the law but has lent himself actively to set aside a law which he has sworn to enforce."

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U.S.-Germans Hold Rally Against Axis

Three hundred German-Americans of the Workmen's Benefit Fund of Washington Heights pledged "complete solidarity with all anti-fascist forces" at a Defend America, Defeat the Axis rally on Saturday evening.

Speakers at the meeting were Dr. Frank Bohn, German-American Congress for Democracy; Walter Mueller, German-American League for Culture; Bernard Taurer, American Friends of the German People; and Fritz Meyer, Workmen's Benefit Fund.

A unanimous resolution expressed indignation at the "fierce terror by which the Axis governments maintain their power" and called for the "preservation of democratic freedom of our homeland in America."

A section from Schiller's "William Tell" denouncing the tyranny of the Hapsburg rulers and a series of German songs were presented.

FDR's Fireside Chat To Be Monday, Feb. 23

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1 (UP).—Chairman Edward J. Flynn of the Democratic National Committee, in announcing plans for nationwide Democratic "emergency" banquets to replenish the Party's treasury, disclosed tonight that President Roosevelt's "Fireside Chat" on progress of the war will be made on Monday, Feb. 23.

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Sharks Trained Their Lifeboat at Sea, But They're All Ready to Ship Again

By Mike Quin

Last week a San Francisco mother answered the telephone and heard the voice of her son whom she believed dead. She uttered one sob and fainted.

The landlady picked up the dangling receiver. "Hello, who it is? What—John? No, John is dead. Yes, he's dead. He was drowned. His ship sunk. What's that you say? This is who? John?"

"Tell me I'm coming right home," said the voice on the other end of the line.

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Railroading Under Fire In Russia

(This is the first of a series of articles which will appear in this column from time to time dealing with the heroic part the Russian railwaymen are playing in the fight to defeat Hitler. Watch for them.)

In the Soviet Union the trains run on time. That is one of the reasons why Hitler is doomed.

When the annals of this war come to be written, a significant chapter will be devoted to the magnificent role played by Russian railroad workers, who lent effective support to the Red Army, transported whole industries away from the ring zones into the safety of the interior, and, in general, made possible the execution of the successful counter-offensive now sweeping the fascist beast back where he came from.

"In Russia, as in Great Britain, railwaymen have distinguished themselves by the heroism with which they carry on their work." So reports the International Transport Workers' Federation, an organization hitherto very critical of the Soviet regime. Citing a story from Pravda, official newspaper of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, the ITF tells of the coolness of a train crew under machine gun fire from a Nazi bomber whose nine attempts to blast the tracks had failed. The crew maneuvered the train out of firing range.

In her latest notable book, *The Soviets Expected It*, Anna Louise Strong writes of the daring initiative exercised by Soviet railroaders during this war:

"Railway repairman Sigachev poured water on his clothes and walked on a board into the furnace of a locomotive, raked the burning coals aside, and replaced in 40 minutes some fire bars whose displacement would normally have halted the military train five hours."

A less spectacular, but nonetheless decisive, way by which the Soviet railroad worker is helping to defeat Hitler is by increasing his productivity—his output—all along the line. Miss Strong cites one example: Two men in the Tambor Railway car repair shops designed a riveting press that multiplied labor productivity of all riveters 800 per cent.

Recently United Press dispatches from Kuibyshev, provisional wartime capital of the USSR, described the massive armored trains, fitted with cannon, machine guns, and anti-aircraft guns, which the Soviet people presented to the Red Army as "New Year's gifts." Not only do the railroad shops furnish the army with these powerful "mobile artillery," but each shop provides crews of artillery men and machine gunners from among its own workers.

A Bathhouse On Wheels

Nor was this contribution to the Red Army enough. Following the lead of workers of the Stalin repair shops on the Moscow-Leningrad railroad, railwaymen in the repair sheds in Turkestan, Khabarovsk and on practically every Soviet rail line volunteered their time for the construction of a nine-car train—a "bathhouse on wheels"—dedicated to the health and comfort of Red Army men. A laundry, steam baths, a rest room and library, music—all these are provided in this unique train stationed near the front lines. Every railroad worker contributed directly or indirectly to the construction of the bathhouse train. Volunteer labor days were organized for the purpose, with hundreds of thousands of railwaymen turning out to do their stint. Many contributed a day's wages.

"The most remarkable and heroic aspect of wartime life in the rear of the Soviet Union"—this is a Red Army officer's estimate of the work on the Russian railroads. Colonel Nikolai Klimoff, engineer officer at Kuibyshev, in a report "issued by the Soviet Embassy at Washington, Dec. 26, as quoted in *New York Times*, declared:

"Transportation was generally regarded as the weak spot in the Soviet economy. However, the war has overturned many accepted opinions, including the one regarding the backwardness of the Soviet railroads."

"Despite tremendous difficulties of the work itself, the front under conditions of protracted retreat, mass evacuation and systematic enemy air raids, the railways successfully coped with their task of delivering the necessary war materials at the front, the transportation of reserves and the removal into interior country of vast masses of people and materials, including whole factories."

"The present Red Army offensive confronts Soviet railway men with new tasks. For the first time in six months they have tackled the task of restoring railways in territory freed from the Germans and resuming traffic under conditions when transport must keep pace with advancing troops."

"It must be admitted that the German invaders are doing their utmost to make this job difficult. On the northern railway before retreating they not only blew up bridges and main station structures, but also destroyed many miles of track. This work of destruction the Nazis carry out with typical German thoroughness."

"After blowing up bridges they mine remaining fragments to make the work of restoration difficult. They smash all communications and block-signaling apparatus at stations and as a rule set fire to station buildings. They saw off telegraph poles and tear down wires. The Germans also do a thorough job in damaging road surfaces."

Soviet Rails Perform Big Job

"Of course, the Germans do all this damage only when they have sufficient time. However, it is always much easier to destroy than to build. Be that as it may, the Soviet railway men must perform a big job before trains can run again on destroyed railways, and they indeed perform miracles."

"Thus Engineer Kabukhoff, assistant chief of the North Caucasus Railway, reports that on the fourth day after the Red Army recaptured Rostov communications were restored in the destroyed Rostov station and on the sixth day traffic was resumed on the main road. Restoration of the huge bridge over the Don took eight days instead of 25 as scheduled. On the ninth day trains could cross the Don over the bridge."

"Thousands of persons participated in the work of restoration of railway sections destroyed by the enemy in the Tikhvin district. Here work was speeded up by the delivery of prepared parts necessary for repairs."

"Skills are widely used for reconnoitering damaged sections, since deep snow makes it particularly impossible to use any other means. Repair gangs do the jobs so fast that often they work within a few miles of the firing line. This obviates delays in delivery of necessary war materials to advancing troops."

"Rapid resumption of communications is achieved by special cars serving as stations. The cars are brought up to the necessary point and, as soon as a line is restored, wires are attached and communications resumed."

"Of course, this work is of a temporary nature. Complete healing of the wounds inflicted by the Germans on the railways will take time. The main purpose, however, is achieved, for trains run toward the front, keeping pace with advancing troops."

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They Purl Harder-- Since Pearl Harbor

New Bedford, Mass.

Workers Correspondence Dept.:

I work in a dress shop, of which there are a few in New Bedford. We are organized into the ILGWU for only a short time.

With our country becoming involved in this war, it was necessary for us to do our part to help win the war.

We are not working on defense orders but we worked out a plan to involve the girls in the war effort.

We all know how to sew, and many of us know how to knit. As chairmen of the Shop Committee, arrangements were made with the local chapter of the Red Cross to give us material to make into garments.

So far, 45 girls are busy knitting, and about 25 others are sewing.

The lunch hour is a very busy

one. Throughout the shop, girls not knowing how to knit too well, group themselves around more experienced knitters and keep busy with Knit 2 and Purl 2, and little by little the sweaters are taking shape. The sewing machine is humming along with the girls stitching dresses, bathrobes and boys pants for the Red Cross. A number of garments have already been finished.

We have started a form of a wall paper, where we keep a record of our activities for National Defense. This wall paper is becoming popular. Through it, more girls are becoming busy with Red Cross work.

We plan to have this paper become the voice of the girls in the shop, not only for Red Cross work, promotion of Bonds and Stamps, Civilian Defense, and other forms of National Defense, but also to strengthen our union.

Charge Lundberg Stole Union Funds

Unionists' Suit Also Asserts Coast Labor Chief Hired Goons

By Vern Smith

(Special to the Daily Worker)

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 1.—Harry Lundberg, secretary of the AFL Sailors Union of the Pacific, was this week accused of misappropriating union funds, using the funds to support "goons" now held on murder charges, and smothering democracy within the unions he heads so as to block the membership's efforts to co-operate with the rest of organized labor for an American victory in the war against the Axis.

These sensational accusations were made by three members of his own union in a suit filed today, seeking an accounting of funds.

The murder angle was brought into the suit when the plaintiffs alleged that slaying of Philip Carey, National Maritime Union official, in New Orleans, were on Lundberg's payroll at the time of the murder.

Charged also in the complaint was Norma Perry, described as "the private secretary and confidential assistant and agent of Lundberg."

LUNDBERG'S OFFICES Harry Lundberg also has been for three years acting president of the Seafarers International Union of North America, to which post he was appointed for only one year by the AFL in October, 1938. He was supposed, said the plaintiffs, to call a convention within a year, and permit union members to establish a constitution and elect their own officers. Instead, they said, he continued himself in power dictatorially, and still refuses to permit a convention.

PLAINTIFFS NAMED Those suing are: Thomas E. Hampton, SUP member.

Gertrude Houseman, executive board member of the Fish Cannery Workers of the Pacific, Monterey branch, an SIU local with 2,500 members.

Lella Noland, member of the San Francisco branch, Fish Cannery Workers of the Pacific.

The complaint was filed by the law firm of Andersen and Rosner.

One reason Lundberg refuses to permit a constitutional convention, the complaint declared, is that such a convention "would give the members of the SIU an opportunity to compel the SIU to participate with other labor organizations of the AFL, CIO, Railroad Brotherhoods and independent unions in unified labor activity to assist the war effort, obtain all-out war production and settle jurisdictional disputes and cooperate with the United States government and various national defense govern-

mental agencies to accomplish the said purpose, all of which activity and program Lundberg, aided and abetted by Perry, has refused to participate in and has opposed hitherto and at the present time."

"Since the inception of the SIU in 1938," said the complaint, "in excess of \$150,000 has been paid into and received by the SIU and Harry Lundberg as acting president, from affiliated organizations of the SIU and their members and from the AFL."

Gertrude Houseman alleged that the Monterey local alone turned over to Lundberg "in excess of \$10,000."

There has never been an audit, said the complaint.

The complaint treated of the murder of Carey in these words:

"That on Sept. 17, 1939, a man named Philip Carey, then an official of the National Maritime Union, was murdered in cold blood when he was beaten with chains and shot to death by various persons."

"That within the past few weeks there have been arrested in San Francisco upon legal process issued out of New Orleans, La., three men named Finn Schefstad, Eugene Nobles, and Roland Dean, who are accused of the murder of Carey by New Orleans police authorities."

"That at the date hereof these latter three named men await extradition proceedings seeking their return to New Orleans to stand trial for the Carey murder."

"That these latter three men were present in New Orleans at the time Carey was murdered, and at that time were agents and representatives of the SIU in New Orleans, paid by and directly responsible to and under the directions and orders of the defendant Lundberg."

"That these men were on the SIU payroll and engaged in various activities in the Gulf without the authorization of the membership of the SIU."

"That plaintiffs are informed and believe and allege that Lundberg has retained counsel in the said extradition matter for Schefstad, Nobles and Dean and has paid and is paying for said counsel out of the funds of the SIU, without the authority of, and contrary to the interests of the SIU."



Workers Correspondence

From Factories, Farms
Mines, Mills and Office



'We Were Misled About the USSR,' Painters Journal Tells Members

Charges Dayton Scale Plant Is Not Aiding War Effort

Dayton, Ohio

Workers Correspondence Dept.:

The workers in Dayton Scale (Dayton Scale Division, Hobart Mfg. Co.) have used every conceivable means to get the company to stop their "business-as-usual" attitude and awaken them to the fact that America is at war.

It is becoming more and more im-

minent that the workers at the Dayton Scale will be among the unemployed in Dayton unless the machinery at this plant is put to use immediately to help fight the aggressor nations.

The UE now well knows that managements such as this and General Motors are not helping for victory. J. H.

Truckers to Buy Bonds with Wage Increase

New Orleans Local to Purchase at Rate of \$40 Per Hour

(Special to the Daily Worker)

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 1.—CIO truck drivers, members of Local 208, Transport Workers Union, have pledged unanimously to divert their coming pay raise to purchase of defense bonds.

Beginning April 30, when the 5-cent an hour wage increase goes into effect, the local's 800 members will be buying defense bonds at the rate of \$40 an hour, according to Warren G. Horie, international executive board member of the union.

The local membership has also volunteered 100 per cent for civilian defense activity. Classes in first aid will be held in the union hall shortly.

"The members of the union have pledged to do everything in their power to hasten full production, to defeat Japan and Hitlerism, and help make our city safe against enemy attack from the air," said Horie.

Members of the local and of the ladies' auxiliary are collecting scrap material needed by the government. Scrap collected is being turned over to the Salvation Army.

State Dep't Sanctions U. S. Slav Congress

To Hold Parley in Detroit to Mobilize Behind War Effort

(Special to the Daily Worker)

DETROIT, Feb. 1.—The State Department in Washington has sanctioned the calling of the American Slav Congress and the Pittsburgh Committee on arrangements has decided to hold the congress in Detroit.

This announcement was made at the last meeting of the Michigan State Committee in East Side Dom Polski. Immediately a committee of three was elected to look for accommodations for the sessions of the congress.

In a release to the press, the Committee in Pittsburgh stated:

"The coming Slav Congress, which is to be held in the near future, will be of great importance. The committee on arrangements is working hard to make it a great success. In order to do this, the committee must proceed carefully and work hard to receive the cooperation of all Slavs in America."

"The sanction of the State Department and the OPM has already been received, and all that remains now is to have a few more Slav organizations sanction the movement and a Slav Congress will then be called."

American Slavs must, and are, willing to help mobilize all Americans of Slav extraction behind the war effort of our country in all of its phases, from manpower for the armed forces, maximum production and civilian defense as well as continued aid to Slav fighters against Hitler."

GOOD LEADER—GOOD SOLDIERS

The campaign in Penn Lodge was successful. At this date, it is the only union local in the Grand Club of the Red Cross, and some of the main reasons for this is the outstanding leadership of president MacDonald, and the other lodge executives who gave him such splendid cooperation.

But, as the saying goes, good leaders always have good soldiers or they wouldn't be raised good leaders. Without such good soldiers no campaign can succeed. Soon after the opening of the campaign, it was apparent to all that the race for high honors was going to San Francisco. Brother France turned in nearly \$300. He was crowded close in a nip and tuck race by W. E. Oliver when Brother Oliver was obliged to drop out on account of an ailment which was aggravated by loss of rest. Both of these men

Shoe Union to Launch Defense Bond Drive

Joint Council 13 of the United Shoe Workers, CIO is calling a special meeting of its entire membership in the Shoe, Stitchdown and Slipper Industry, on Tuesday, Feb. 3, at 8 P. M. at Manhattan Center, 24th St. and Eighth Ave.

The rally will begin a drive in the footwear industry for the purchase of \$300,000 worth of Defense Bonds.

Says Free Trade Unions Aid Democracy Best

Columbus Railroaders Pitch in With Spirit in Drive for the Red Cross

Columbus, Ohio.

Workers Correspondence Department:

This letter to your paper about the work of the Penn Lodge 141, Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen in Columbus, in the \$315,000 Red Cross fund drive, will show all

readers what a real live-union local can do to help whip Hitlerism.

When the war broke out against our country, the lodge members began a serious discussion on the question of doing everything within our power to support the President and our nation in our war for national liberty.

The Red Cross headquarters of Columbus set up a labor division and Perry Morrison, who is labor editor for the Columbus Citizen, was placed in charge of the Labor Division.

Mr. Morrison called a general conference of labor leaders in Franklin County, Penn. Lodge 141 of B. R. T. was represented by M. M. McDonald, who is president of our Lodge. Following this conference, president McDonald selected some 20 solicitors to contact our membership of approximately a thousand.

Every solicitor had to reach 500 members. Remembering that railroaders aren't very stationary, this was a big task to carry through in so short a time, since the campaign ran only a couple of weeks.

During the campaign, the weather put on a blitz. The ground was covered with snow and the thermometer at zero. But the solicitors showed their anti-Nazi spirit. If they didn't get to contact a member while on the job, they would drive all over the country and city in zero weather, at all hours of the day and night, in order not to miss a single person.

The local Red Cross Chapter set up what they called the Grand Club. Any person or organization contributing \$1,000 or more was entitled to membership in the club. It was the aim of our local to win the honor of being a member of the Grand Club. With enthusiasm the solicitors entered into the campaign to put Penn Lodge in the Grand Club and to see which man was the best campaigner.

Within ten days, president McDonald turned in \$1,940, and the men are still working, so that the total will go over \$1,500 in the final accounting. This drive brought out some interesting facts. It showed how essential it is to have free trade unions in a democracy and how willingly free men respond to an emergency. It showed how free peoples will make personal sacrifices to defend something they cherish, without being driven to do it.

Every solicitor and every contributor knew there was no compulsion in the drive because we are a democracy, and we are united in an effort to defend it.

Other speakers are President Thomas J. Lyons of the New York State Federation of Labor; James F. Farley, Patrick Gorman, President of the Amalgamated; Councilman A. Clayton Powell and Helen Blanchard, vice-president of the Women's Trade Union League.

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The uniformed speakers on the platform will include Capt. Ivan A. Yegoraky, Soviet Military Attaché; Col. H. Clay M. Supple of the U. S. Infantry and Wing Commander Wickersham-Barnes, a British flyer and holder of a Distinguished Flying Cross, who is fresh from the fighting front.

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AFL Painters to Supply 2,000 for City Repair Squad

In response to an appeal to the Building Trades of the City of New York by Mayor F. H. LaGuardia, Director of Civilian Defense, for the formation of repair squads to remove any debris and make needed repairs in the event of enemy bombing of this city, Michael Di Silvestro, secretary-treasurer of District Council No. 9, Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers of America, AFL, announced yesterday that his organization unanimously decided to supply 2,000 painters to the contemplated repair squad.

According to Mr. Di Silvestro, all the executive board members and the business agents of his union volunteered for this essential Civilian Defense work.

The executive board of District Council No. 9 also decided that its members who spend time in committee meetings will in the future be paid in Defense Stamps in lieu of cash.

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He pictured the advantages of the Soviet system which makes possible city planning and prevents the anarchy of production. Proposals for improvements come from workers groups which correspond to our civic organizations. The significant difference is that the workers groups in the Soviet Union have more power.

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Boycott Books by Prentice-Hall, CIO Union Urges

A campaign to get professors and students to boycott Prentice-Hall textbooks was launched yesterday by the Book and Magazine Union, Local 18, CIO.

The boycott was initiated when the publishing firm refused to arbitrate the dismissals of six union members. The union, which is pledged to a no-strike policy during the war, has charged that R. P. Ettinger, president of Prentice-Hall, is using the war emergency as a screen for unscrupulous activities against the union.

Union Publication Calls For End to Former Soviet-Baiting

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Workers Correspondence Dept.:

"People have been misled about the Soviet Union," says "Painter and Decorator," the official organ of the Brotherhood of Painters.

The "Painter and Decorator," official organ of the Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers of America is read by its 134,000 members. In its January issue it published an article on the Soviet Union, which gives an inkling as to why the Nazi forces met unexpected unity.

The writer, T. J. McLaughlin visited the Soviet Union in 1936 and sojourned in Moscow, Leningrad, Kharkov and other cities in the present battle area.

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The Correct Label For Martin Dies

In outspoken language the Executive Board of the CIO, representing 5,000,000 workers and their families, presents to Congress, through President Philip Murray, a powerful indictment against Rep. Martin Dies and his Committee.

"One of the most sordid and reprehensible in the annals of the American Congress"—this is how this great body of labor, speaking not only for its own members but reflecting the views of all workers, describes Dies' record and asks for discontinuance of the committee.

The CIO rightly sees in the Dies Committee not only a menace to the labor movement and to progressive policies of Federal and state governments; it also makes the still more serious charge that Dies has sought to interfere with the President of the United States in his effort to establish cooperative relations with our allies; and that he actually gives "aid and comfort to the Axis powers," when he seeks to weaken national unity through creating hatred against "labor unions, aliens, and other minority groups."

The CIO is not fooled by Dies' recent claim, made just as he asked Congress for a continuation of his Committee, that he is about to launch an investigation of the Ku Klux Klan. Says the CIO: "Chairman Dies has most carefully refrained from having the House Committee really investigate the un-American activities and Axis influences within this country at any time during the history of the committee, except to the extent of announcing such investigations immediately prior to a request for more funds, which, upon the appropriation of the same, the announced investigations are discontinued."

In forwarding the CIO resolution to the House, President Murray declares that the discontinuation of the Dies Committee would "best protect the interests of the nation and assure the maximum national war effort." Congress should now hear this statement seconded by all sections of the labor movement and every individual who has deep concern for national unity and the success of the war.

Norman Thomas Continues His Quisling Advice

The "Lindbergh Socialism" of Norman Thomas continues to expose itself as a Quisling propaganda intended to sabotage the total victory of the United States over Hitler.

In a letter to the weekly "Nation," Norman Thomas seeks to evade the indictment of political fifth column activity. But his defense only proves his complete guilt.

Carefully refraining from mentioning his alliance with the America First Committee (he has never repudiated or broken with the Committee), Norman Thomas reveals his Quislingism when he writes: "... neither do I want to continue this war indefinitely only to the end that Stalin may become lord over most of Europe and Asia."

In this typically Nazi conception (Hitler also claims he is defending Europe "from Communism"), Thomas is sneaking across the one fundamental idea of his propaganda—that Hitler MUST NOT BE TOTALLY DEFEATED. In opposing "indefinite war" Thomas is urging a negotiated deal with Hitler before he is completely crushed.

In order to conceal his actual opposition to the complete defeat of Hitler, Thomas borrows heavily from the anti-Soviet arsenal of Martin Dies, Coughlin, and Lindbergh, everyone of whom spreads the same defeatism in one form or another. The slanderous attacks on the Soviet Union are merely a screen to conceal political aid to the Nazis in their effort to stave off defeat at the hands of the United Nations.

Mr. Thomas' Socialist Call (Jan. 24) has had the gall to help Hitler by such flagrantly pro-Nazi apologetics as the following:

"Nazi Germany, though it has declared war on the U. S. (several months after the Navy launched an undeclared war against German submarines) has threatened and can threaten no American territory anywhere at present."

This is written with complete indifference to the raids of Hitler's U-boats up and down the Atlantic coast. This is the naked voice of Quislingism, helping the Nazi armed forces to strike at our coasts and cities through befogging our vigilance against Nazi Berlin. This is what Norman Thomas and his paper are doing day and night. Thomas' political activity is unquestionably of the greatest help to the agents of Hitler and Tokio in the United States.

Appeasers Find New Tricks

The Roberts report on Pearl Harbor stung certain easily recognizable cliques of appeasers. It placed the brand of guilt right on their brows where it belongs.

But appeasers never give up. Caught in one crime, they scurry around to cook up new and bigger crimes.

Either they play innocent, as if they do not have the faintest idea who is meant in the indictment of those who drugged America by preaching the harmlessness of Hitler and Japan. Or else, they deliberately warp the meaning of the Roberts report into a new trick of appeasement.

The latter trick is being tried on a large scale. The New York Daily News—which was peddling appeasement in super doses—features Senators who discover that the lesson of the Roberts report is that America ought to lessen aid to her allies, Britain and the Soviet Union. Senator Brooks, spokesman for the Chicago Tribune, tries to cover his own deep-dyed guilt by belligerently demanding why we sent arms to Britain and the USSR, and Congressman Ham Fish, another loud-mouthed admirer of the Axis' peaceful intentions, echoes the same phrases.

It is the "stop thief!" trick applied all over again.

If successful in this cry against helping our allies, the unregenerate appeasers would soften America for a piece of treachery that would make Pearl Harbor look like child's play. The secret hope in this plan is to deliver Britain into Hitler's hands and to conspire toward defeating the Red Army, with Hitler ready to dictate Vichy slavery terms to the United States. This rattlesnake idea is what really coils within the latest "innocent" demand that America diminish its aid to its allies, and sort of leave Hitler alone.

The lesson of the Roberts report is that appeasement is the deadly enemy of American victory. Appeasement whispers that America should forget that Hitler is our main enemy.

America's answer must be more aid to every sector of the world battle lines, with the smashing of Hitler's power the main goal. When Hitler cracks, the Axis cracks. The appeasers know this. They are trying to prevent it. America cannot relax its vigilance against the Munichmen of Pearl Harbor for an instant.

Letters From Our Readers

Time to Retire, Military "Expert" Baldwin

Editor, Daily Worker:

I see by the New York Times of Jan. 26 that Hanson W. Baldwin is approaching a crisis again. Early in July he was dishing out the Nazi handouts of crisis for the Red Army with annihilation in three to six weeks. It didn't come off. Did he take it back. Of course not!

The best that Baldwin can scrape up in favor of the Red Army is this: "The protracted operation of great forces in coordinated, large-scale offensive or defensive measures under such weather conditions as now exist in Russia was one of those things that hitherto had been dubbed 'a military impossibility.' What a masterpiece of evasion—"had been dubbed." Baldwin did the dubbing. He couldn't see the Soviets holding more than six weeks in the summer, so how could he possibly see a Soviet large-scale offensive in sub-zero weather?"

"General" Baldwin had this to say when the Red Army liberated Moshaisk: "Most of the German forces who were garrisoning this strongly held salient seem to have successfully retired before the Russian capture."

No, it is you, Mr. Baldwin, who should retire—while yet you may... for you are working hard at becoming the laughing stock of real military experts. M. M.

So That Life May Be Worth Living—Defeat of Fascists Imperative!

Editor, Daily Worker:

On re-reading "Julius Caesar" I came upon an old favorite passage:

"Towards die many times before their death
 The valiant never taste of death but once,
 'O' all the wonders I yet have heard
 It seems to me most strange
 That men do fear,
 'Knowing that death, a necessary end,
 Will come when it will come.'"

In Esther C. Dunn's most interesting book "Shakespeare and America," the author mentions that our great American leader of the Civil War, Abraham Lincoln, would read his Shakespeare when confronted with the crises in his personal life. I thought of Abe Lincoln when I read the above passage.

The crisis that faces Americans today is the worse-than-death-life we'd have with a Hitler victory. Hitler can't live in the same world with us any more that the Union could have remained "half free and half slave."

We must be the valiant who fight for life by wiping Hitler and the Axis off the face of the earth. Life can mean nothing with the Hitler bug contaminating the world. M. W.

Tells FDR, Appeasing Appeasers—"Grave Mistake"

Editor, Daily Worker:

Following is a letter which I wrote to the President: "If by any stretch of imagination you are keeping Earl Browder in prison, in order to appease the appeasers, you are making a grave mistake, because those fellows are engrossed in sordid business, as usual. They are copperheads and will remain so till judgment day. Or perhaps it is that you are so preoccupied in the affairs of the state of the Union that you cannot find time to intervene in his behalf."

"Yes, it is true that we are confronted with a cunning enemy, and that in order to defeat him we must be vigilant and on guard at all times, but we cannot defeat him by adopting his methods and tactics. All these speculations could be eliminated by a stroke of your pen, that would free Earl Browder."

"A Happy Birthday to you, Mr. President." A. M.



Fear of Offending Dies Should Not Prevent the Release of Earl Browder

(Continued from Page 1)

peasers and potential American Quislings, such as Lindbergh, General Wood, Hammond and many others, are being drawn into important posts in the nation's defense.

Browder lies in prison in spite of the demand for his release by more than two million trade unionists and thousands of prominent citizens. Supporting them are demands from countless progressives in Latin America.

What is the terrible "crime" Browder is supposed to have committed? According to the prosecution, it is of such a character that in spite of the demand of millions of people for his release, it does not even warrant the Attorney General to recommend that President Roosevelt extend executive clemency.

What is the crime? Is it the crime of such a character that even if the Attorney General did recommend executive clemency, the President could not grant it? Was a crime committed by Browder? If so was the sentence too severe? Is not the time now served more than enough? Was a crime committed by Browder at all, or was he the victim of an old-style frame-up like the ones directed against so many labor leaders.

Is he not the victim of that still potent weapon of reaction, red-baiting—the weapon that Hitler has used so successfully in all his campaigns?

Wendell Wilkie, in an article entitled "Fair Play" in the New Republic of March 18, 1940, one week before Browder went to prison, said: "Now you may hate Communism even more than you hate Nazism (and I am surprised at the number of people who do), but if you truly believe in protection of civil liberties you will wonder whether Browder was sentenced to four years in jail and a \$2,000 fine because he made a false statement on a passport application or because he was a Communist Party member."

According to the prosecution, Browder answered one question wrong out of a score or more of questions asked on an application blank filed for a passport over six years ago. The trial hinged around one word. The legal profession was divided. Some argued that the question was properly answered and some said it was not.

The prosecution admitted that no moral turpitude was involved. The passport was legal. Browder used the passport to come home from Europe and it is even admitted that it was not necessary for him to have a passport at all. Anyone knows how easy it is to make a mistake on one question out of a score of questions in applying for anything, a job or a license application, etc. Just as the other day a friend of mine filling out an application for 1942 auto license plates showed me a question that both of us answered differently in a 'no' and 'yes' answer. Obviously only one answer was correct. Which one depended upon what the ques-

tion meant and my friend had one interpretation and I another.

It happened that my friend's guess was the wrong one, but there was no more crime committed by him than there was by Browder years before on that passport application.

BRUTAL SENTENCE
 "You will wonder," said Wendell Wilkie, "whether Browder was sentenced to four years in jail and a \$2,000 fine because he made a false statement on a passport application or because he was a Communist Party member."

No honest person can say that this brutal sentence fits even the so-called crime as presented to the court by the prosecution.

Then why is Browder still in prison? Attorney General Biddle knows the case. He has received all of the thousands of letters written by prominent citizens, the signed petitions, the resolutions from trade unions and other mass organizations representing millions of people. Attorney General Biddle as a lawyer, as well as the responsible head of the Department of Justice, knows that even viewing the case from the standpoint of an outrageous sentence and for the protection of civil liberties that Browder now has served five times the sentence imposed on anyone else who has been found guilty of a similar type of technical charge.

WHO IS BEHIND IT?
 Who then are the sinister forces in our country—in the midst of a nation at war for democracy, that still have power enough to keep Browder in prison?

Browder, the labor leader, is the prisoner of reaction. It is to the credit of Browder that in spite of the diligent searches of Martin Dies and the FBI all they could find to "discredit" him in the eyes of the party he heads and the millions of people he influences from time to time on major national issues was a technicality so small that the legal profession disagreed upon it. Yet there are some people, a very small minority it is true, who Dies and his supporters in Congress represent—not the people of Texas whom Dies does not represent—but the America Firsters, the Cough-

Jail 57 Native Fascists in Puebla, Mexico

(Special to the Daily Worker)

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 1.—Puebla is one state in Mexico which shows little hospitality towards the members of the National Sinarquist Union, Mexico's native fascist movement.

Fifty-seven of them were arrested last week in Puebla, the capital of the state, according to a Sinarquist complaint sent to President Avila Camacho today. Even their archives were taken by the police, the Sinarquists declare. The complaint expresses surprise because "for years we have met in Puebla and nobody has distributed us."

Two weeks ago, the "Jefe Supremo" of the Sinarquists together with other leading members of the organization was jailed in Atlixco, Puebla, for holding an unauthorized meeting.

lites and appeasers who were the power behind the prosecution of Browder, just as they were behind the prosecution of Harry Bridges which the broad protests of the American people defeated. They are the sinister power behind the Dies Amendment to register Communists under the guise of regulating "enemy aliens." Congress overwhelmingly defeated this attempted blow aimed at national unity.

SINISTER MINORITY
 This is the sinister minority, using every means to block national unity, that is opposing the freedom of Browder. Seemingly the voices of these American Quislings and their small but dangerous following have more power in Washington than the millions of Americans who are playing an important role in building national unity for the winning of the war and who in the name of national unity have asked executive clemency for Earl Browder.

Only Hitler, and his allies here at home are served by the further imprisonment of Earl Browder. Anything that serves their cause is a disservice to the welfare of the nation. Keeping Browder in prison is not in the interest of national unity. It disturbs national morale by keeping an outstanding anti-fascist leader in prison on a trumped-up charge, silencing a powerful anti-fascist voice instead of utilizing the great ability that Browder possesses to move and unite the people in the struggle against Hitlerism.

PEOPLE VS. REACTION
 This is not just the case of Browder. It is not just the case of justice misguided. It is not the case of Browder versus the people. It is the case of the people versus reaction. Any jury of 100 citizens selected from all walks of life who believe in the Bill of Rights, who are in agreement that our nation is at war to save democracy, would quickly render a verdict that the technical charge under which Browder was convicted is not sufficient reason for further imprisonment and would demand, in the interest of national unity, Browder's immediate release from prison.

In fact a jury of more than two million Americans who have studied the Browder case have already rendered that verdict and have notified Washington to that effect. If two million people are not enough to convince Washington that keeping Browder in prison is against the spirit and purpose of national unity, then let ten million more speak out!

The great majority of the American people do not yet know why Browder is imprisoned. They must be told. The Browder case must be taken to them in the communities, in the trade unions and in the mass democratic organizations of the people.

Free Browder conferences must be held in as many cities as possible. More and more telegrams and resolutions must go to the President. Letters from prominent people and committees must go to Washington.

There can be no lull. Browder must be freed now!

Eyewitnesses Tell Of Nazi Torture of Red Army Prisoners

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

MOSCOW, Feb. 1.—A dispatch from the Crimean sector of the front reports that in the last few days new facts have been established regarding the brutal torture of wounded Soviet war prisoners by the Germans.

On Jan. 13 a Soviet reconnaissance detail dislodged the Germans from a fortified position and found at the entrance to the fort and around it five corpses of Red Army prisoners who had been tortured to death.

The document cited below was drawn up by eye-witnesses, Battalion Commissar Ribalkin, Senior Political Instructor Filonov, Junior Commander Grumovskiy and seamen Ivanov and Selikh.

The document reads in part: "Two of the tortured men were identified as Red Army men Opanasenko and Samoilov."

"They belonged to N regiment and were wounded on the previous day near the entrance to the fort."

"A careful examination of the bodies showed:

"The Nazis cut a star on the forehead of Red Army man Opanasenko, gouged out his eyes, burned his head, pierced his neck with a bayonet. His feet were tied. The Germans gouged out Samoilov's eyes, pierced his cheeks with a bayonet and twisted his right arm out of his socket."

"Fifty meters from the fort were three other bodies of Red Army men whose identity was not established. An examination of these bodies showed that one man had his body smeared with oil and was burned to the waist; the upper part of the body was charred, the feet were tied."

"The two other men were without clothes and traces of torture were found on the arms and backs."

"The fascists had driven burning matches into the body. Under the arms we found three boxes of burned matches."

Hitler's Balkan Puppets Squabble Over War Spoils

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

ANKARA, Feb. 1.—Hitler's smaller puppets in the Balkans have already begun to squabble among themselves. Croatia, recently carved out of Yugoslavia, is demanding a slice of territory from Hungary. Foreign sources with Balkan connections reported the development, which has the following background:

The so-called Croatian kingdom was formed as an Italian protectorate. The puppet ruler of the enslaved Croats, Pavelic, negotiated with Mussolini for the inclusion of Dalmatia into Croatia. Mussolini turned thumbs down and annexed Dalmatia for himself.

A few days ago Pavelic began yelling for "lebensraum," demanding western districts of Hungary nearest Zagreb.

Pavelic has also expressed fear of Hungarian troops stationed on the Croatian border when Hitler sent the German garrison from there to the Soviet Front to bolster his crumbling armies.

Soviet Leaflets Tell Partisans How To Carry on War

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

KUIBYSHEV, Feb. 1.—The Chief Political Administration of the Red Army has issued instructions to the partisans and Soviet citizens in the German occupied areas.

The slogans are contained in the leaflets dropped behind enemy lines. Each leaflet is a terse and stirring appeal inspired by fierce hatred for the Nazi invaders.

The leaflets indicate how the partisan warfare should be organized: "Develop joint actions with the Red Army units. Help the Red Army by reconnoitering and striking at the enemy's flanks and rear."

The leaflets set the partisans the following tasks: "Don't allow the retreating enemy to withdraw equipment and ammunition, gasoline, clothing and provisions. Hinder shipments to Germany of looted property. Derail trains. In order not to become slaves, hide when the Nazis pass through your village, and strike them from the rear."

The circulars give a concise outline of the prospects of the patriotic war of the Soviet people.

They tell the population of the German losses—approximately seven million men in half a year of war.

They point out that Germany is bleeding white and that the collapse of the Hitlerites is inevitable. To hasten on this collapse the Soviet patriots must take to arms and rise against the invader and annihilate him with every possible means. The leaflets are published in millions of copies.

A Greek Meets Ibsen In New 'Hedda Gabler'

HEDDA GABLER, by Henrik Ibsen, starring Katina Paxinou. Translated by Helen Borden and Mary Cass Canfield. Staged by Luther Greene; setting by Paul Morrison. Presented by Mr. Greene at the Theatre Theatre.

By Ralph Warner

Luther Greene's revival of "Hedda Gabler" features the handsome Greek star, Katina Paxinou, in the title role. Miss Paxinou is a beautiful woman, gifted with a rich voice and a plastic quality in the use of her hands, face and body. But she is not and can never be the smouldering, tragic Hedda.

In general, Hedda suggests the repressed woman who can find no outlet for her energies other than a pursuit of men, and in their pursuit of her. The genius of Ibsen created in plausible form this character of the middle class world; and the very plausibility of Hedda depends upon her resemblance to a generic type.

Miss Paxinou's regal qualities are so special, her accent so remarkable that Ibsen's Hedda is nowhere to be seen on the stage of the Longacre Theatre. Instead there is a clamorous, sensuous creature whose physical appearance belies the author's intentions.

Hedda, you will recall, submerged herself in a flickering passion for the unstable Elert Lovborg. She married him, prosaic George Tesman because he was the only man who would support her. This economic motive holds her to Tesman, while her nature turns frantically at his chains. Meantime she reveals the soundness of her character by rejecting an extra-marital adventure with the suave Judge Brack. There is no place for her in society—this woman imprisoned within the walls of her class. Tragedy springs from frustration, and the tragedy of Hedda Gabler has fascinated theatre audiences for more than half a century.

The Greene production is confusing. A new translation has attempted to modernize the dialogue, but the costume remains suggestively late 19th century, with a Director pseudo-classic stage set as a background. Miss Paxinou's accent, her ebony hair and deep dark eyes are Levantine—to add another puzzling touch. Judge Brack is excellently played by that veteran English actor, Cecil Humphreys, but against Mr. Humphreys' smooth voice and manner Mrs. Elvsted, as played by the lovely blonde Karen Morley, has only flat Americanisms in diction and voice to offer. Henry Daniell's Lovborg is brooding and tense, while Margaret Wyckoff translates Aunt Juliana into a thoroughly real person. Ralph Forbes has the thankless role of Tesman to his credit. Excellent as this cast may have seemed on paper, it is unable collectively to restore the Ibsen classic to the contemporary stage in any but a bewildering manner.

New Steinbeck Novel

Six weeks before publication of John Steinbeck's new novel "The Moon Is Down," The Viking Press has purchased enough paper to print 150,000 copies of the book. It is expected that the first edition of 50,000 copies will be exhausted long before publication date, and a second printing of 50,000 copies is now about to go to press. All these figures are exclusive of any book club distribution. Publication is March 6.

James Cagney on Cavalcade Of America, WEA, 7:30

Children in Wartime, talk on WJZ, 11 A.M. . . . James Cagney, guest on WEA at 7:30 P.M. . . . Defense concert, Far America We Sing, features guest soloists at 9:30 P.M., WJZ.

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Stokowski to Do 'Nevsky' Music April 28

The first performance in America of Sergei Prokofiev's "Alexander Nevsky," under direction of Leopold Stokowski, will take place in the Metropolitan Opera House on Tuesday evening, April 28, it is announced by Mr. Max Rabinoff, managing director of the Metropolitan Opera Association, which is sponsoring the event in connection with its scheduled Spring season of opera. A second performance, also under Mr. Stokowski, will be given Thursday evening, April 30.

The orchestra of 100, selection of which had been left to Mr. Stokowski, will be either the NBC Orchestra or a combination of the finest players in New York, according to a wire just received from the conductor, who is at his home in Beverly Hills.

The chorus for the two performances, originally announced as comprising 125 voices, will instead number approximately 300. It is composed of the People's Philharmonic Chorus of New York, an organized all-Russian group of 180 singers, specially augmented for the occasion by 40 professional Russian choristers. The chorus is rehearsing now under its leader, Mr. Max Helfman. The work will be sung in Russian. Selection of the chorus again is in line with the expressed wishes of the composer, since this folk composition is designed to be sung by a genuine folk or people's choir.

Anna Sokolow Dances For Russian War Relief

Anna Sokolow and her Group will include four new Russian dances in a Sunday night program Feb. 9, at the Community Center Auditorium, 270 W. 89th St., in a benefit for Russian War Relief. The dance recital is being given by the West Side Committee of Russian War Relief.

Alex. North, pianist and composer, will accompany Miss Sokolow, Sylvia Gershkowitz will be assistant pianist; Arno Tenney, baritone, will sing. Tickets are available at the headquarters of the West Side Committee, 2025 Broadway, and the National Office of Russian War Relief, 535 Fifth Ave., 3rd Floor. The performance starts at 8:45 P.M.

'Girl from Leningrad' Begins 7th Week

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Two-Timing Broadway



Kaaren Verne is two-timing Broadway movie houses today. You can see her at the Strand in "All Through the Night" and beginning 8:30 this evening she'll be on screen at the Astor in "King's Row," new Warner film.

'Robber Symphony' Tops Fantasy Film Festival

Third Program: Surrealist and Fantastic Film Festival. At the Fifth Ave. Playhouse

You're quite likely to have a good time at the Fifth Avenue Playhouse these days despite the self-conscious bravado with which this concoction "for intellectuals only" has been served up. The third program of surrealist and fantastic films hit home with at least three of its five selections.

By Milton Meltzer

Some soldiers at Fort Monmouth got together in their spare time and made a comedy of Army life, fittingly called "Spare Time in the Army," which has been acquired by Columbia for Feb. 12 release. Some of the boys are recruits from Hollywood, among them being Privates Bob Churchill and Franklin Coen who wrote, produced and act in the film. It is the latest release on Columbia's Panoramas series.

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Phonograph And Radio Output Cut

Donald M. Nelson, the new head of America's war production front dug into the radio and phonograph field this week in hopes of establishing a new production program for the Army and Navy.

In accord with the new order, production in this field will be cut more than 40 per cent. The order coming through acting priorities director J. A. Knowlton requires manufacturers whose sales of radio and phonographs during the 1941 period totaled more than \$1,000,000 to cut production 45 per cent, and those whose sales were under the same mark to cut their output 35 per cent.

In the future, radios will be powered by a lesser number of tubes and phonographs will undergo a drastic curtailment. In 1940 radio manufacturers turned out sets worth a total of \$177,000,000 and employed 50,000 people with a \$75,000,000 payroll. Under the new order the companies handling these products will be swiftly converted into full war output for the Army and Navy.

Donald goes raucously wild in something like the Museum of Science and Industry. It's a pleasure, I needn't assure you.

'Don't Bother Me,' Says Man Ray

The two least intelligible items are "The Fall of the House of Usher," by J. B. Watson and Melville Webber, and Man Ray's "Emak Bakia." Poe had little to do with the first after donating his title. But the film makers say the plot's of little consequence to them; they are interested in mood and emotional tone. Using prisms, mirrors, folded paper sets, and three characters, they have tried to have the film speak its own language. The objects and symbols they depend upon do evoke responses in the audience, but so confused and fragmentary are they, the net effect is pretty unimportant.

Man Ray's film, whose title means in Basque, "Don't bother me," is a mélange of experimental photographic shots, for the most part limited to quietly-lighted forms in movement, with here and there a stranger's head or eyelid obtruding. Its experiments may have had some value for serious film people who adapted them to meaningful uses, but for most of the audience it was quickly tiresome and dull.

Full fare of fantasy like this will well worth having once in a while. If it succeeds in inducing other movie house managers to introduce one on their bill now and then, to accompany the main feature, it will certainly spice the programs.

Another Jefferson book will be Saul Padover's "Thomas Jefferson," with emphasis on the second President as democratic writer and thinker. . . . When Sherwood Anderson died he left not only a considerable body of literary work but personal memoirs that have been edited, to form a new volume, "Sherwood Anderson's Memoirs."

Many of the world's foremost scientists have contributed to "Science and Man," edited by Ruth Nanda Anshen to show what science has done for material progress. . . . Katherine Anne Porter's first full-length novel is due under the title of "No Safe Harbor." . . . The predictably "unpredictable" Mr. William Saroyan bows to his public again in "Razzele, Dazzle or The Human Ballet, Opera and Circus The San Francisco has put no less than 18 of his theatre pieces into it.

To fill that great gap in the public record of what Negroes have done in American life, E. B. Henderson has dug deep into the earliest reports of "The Negro in Sports." It will cover not only today's great athletes and their predecessors in this country, but Negro athletes of other places as well.

Although no new work is promised from Carl Sandburg this season, his publisher will reissue in one volume three of the poetic works that preceded the great Lincoln study, "Smoke and Steel, Slabs of the Sunburnt West" and

written a study of the United States' position in the world of warfare called "America's Strategy." . . . Wallace R. Deuel, for six years a correspondent in Nazi Berlin, has prepared his impressions of "People Under Hitler," Commander Stephen King-Hall, British editor, will appear with "Total Victory," a perspective on the peace to end this war. . . . An indispensable handbook for civilian defense is what the publishers claim for Lester Ott's "Aircraft Spotter."

Back to the days of the American Revolution goes Esther Forbes, an authority on early New England life, for an account of "Paul Revere and the World He Lived In." . . . In "Today We Are Brothers," Leo Lania, European journalist, tells his personal story from the fall of the Czars to his present work in America.

A new "Living Drama Series," to be edited by William Kozlenko, will soon start to publish plays for reading and production, in verse and prose. . . . "Glimpse of World History," by the great Indian leader, Jawaharlal Nehru, is announced for May.

From the point of view of geopolitics, Nicholas Spykman has

COAST TO COAST

by MIKE QUIN

THE other day a lady was killed on Market Street. I happened to see it. She fell between two streetcars of the four track system. It was mighty horrible. The crowds were aghast.

It affected me too. I kept shaking my head and chucking my tongue at the way back to the office. . . . It was right there in front of my eyes, so we could see it. It was terrific.

But what was this in comparison with the butchery and bloodshed of Europe and the Orient? What was this in comparison with the ship loads of mangled wounded streaming in from Pearl Harbor?

Here a piece of homely civic machinery had accidentally destroyed a citizen. Observers got a strong emotional reaction. They were shocked and angry. They cursed everything they could think of—the car company, the four track system, the street, the street-car, the civic officials and the weather. And they felt terribly sorry.

Yet they got no such reaction from the morning paper or the newsreels. They do not feel the reality of it.

I've said that our American morale was good, and I still think it's good. But the word "good" on a grammar school report card means just a passing mark.

There are different interpretations of the word morale. Many of our civic officials—including Mayor Rossi—believe that morale is good if the citizens go on living their lives as usual. Any indication that the people are aroused, horrified, angry, indignant, is in their opinion "the jitters."

If this "life as usual" pattern consisted of citizens being calm in the face of great danger, that would be one thing. The fact is they don't even realize the danger.

We're on the edge of profound changes, and this "life as usual" attitude is due to go. The whole pattern of our lives is due for a change.

Let's examine that pattern. Americans live very much shut into private lives. Each man is a separate entity. He has his home, flat or furnished room. The only social organization that he realizes he is a part of is his family. If another person is a brother or close relative, he feels some responsibility and the welfare of that person reflects on him.

Non-relatives are none of his business, though he can include them in his concern as personal friends to a certain extent. Friends and family comprise a narrow circle. All others are strangers, and you don't trust strangers.

Each man is responsible for his own welfare. Each family represents a small organization concerned with itself. You don't fully realize this unless you are a soldier in a strange place, a seaman on shore leave, or alone in a strange city.

You walk up the main street. You can go to the movies, patronize the restaurants, go sit in the park, or get drunk. All about you are people who have their own private circles and concerns. To find entrance to those circles is not easy.

War upsets this delicately balanced scheme. It mixes people up by the thousands, forces them to cooperate on a broad scale, stir up new ideas, changes the lives of people. Private concerns give way to mutual concerns.

This hasn't happened yet in San Francisco. People are still going about their private lives, reading of tremendous events in the newspapers, but not feeling themselves a part of it.

The workers in national defense industries go to work as employees, collect their wages, and go about their private concerns. The feeling of mass, mutual effort in a great emergency is lacking. Each one still feels he is on his own, and, as a matter of fact he is.

A marked difference in attitude can be noted by those who drift in from the war zone—who have actually been under fire. To them the war is like that street-car accident. They realize what is happening. Only to them it is not a matter of being horrified by an accident involving a commonplace vehicle. To them it is rage at the wholesale massacre and destruction wrought by military maniacs using devilish machines designed exactly for that purpose.

And they realize that those military monsters cannot be crushed or halted by people chopped up into private lives and going about their individual concerns. It requires mass cooperation and unity with a strong emotional drive.

'Good Morning, America' are their titles.

An impressive list of titles for Spring publication is announced by International Publishers. Among them are: "Ethics of Socialism," by Howard Selsam; "The American Republic, 1780-1876," by Francis Franklin; "Lenin on the Agrarian Question," by Anna Rochester; "Essays in Historical Materialism," by George Plechanov; "Letters to Americans," by Karl Marx and Frederick Engels; "Dialectical and Historical Materialism," by Joseph Stalin.

Highpoint in the Spring International list is also a new book by John Steuben titled, "William Z. Foster and American Trade Unionism," "William Z. Foster and the National Labor Union," by Charlotte Todes; "How the Soviet State Is Run," by Pat Sloan; volumes 19 and 23 of the Collected Works of V. I. Lenin; and "History of Legislation for the Protection of Coal Miners in Pennsylvania," by Alexander Trachtenberg.

International also announces the Spring publication of "Proletarian Literature in the United States," an anthology, edited by Samuel Sillen, instructor of English at New York University and literary critic of the New Masses. An unusual feature of the Anthology, it is announced, "will be the inclusion of new forms of writing which are ordinarily excluded from literary collections. These will include radio and movie scripts, balladry, and reporting." In addition, there will be a representative selection of the best fiction, poetry, drama, and criticism written by progressive writers in the past few years.

"The volume," announce the publishers, "marks a milestone in the movement of the younger and more vital forces in American literature."

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Hollywood's War Efforts Filmed

Hollywood's citizens take their all-out war efforts seriously, and in RKO Pathe's current Picture People release titled "Hollywood War Efforts," prominent stars are glimpsed doing their share. Ida Lupino devotes several evenings a week learning radio communication, while John Howard reports each day for duty at a civilian observation post. Alan Marshall, appointed air raid warden at the studio, regularly inspects the sandbag barricades. Dean Jagger, Ralph Bellamy, Eddie Norris and John Carradine have all volunteered their services in the Civilian Defense Corps.

Hollywood's youngsters are doing their part. Jane Withers, Jackie Cooper, Bonita Granville and Virginia Weidler are shown putting their endorsement on the best investment in the world at the Treasury Department's Defense House in Los Angeles by autographing defense stamps for all buyers.

George Montgomery, soon to be seen in the male lead opposite Ginger Rogers in Twentieth Century-Fox' "Roxie Hart," has been cast in the leading role in the studio's "Down to the Sea in Ships," dramatic tale of whalers and whaling ships in the last century.

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Union Sports League Opens Fitness for Victory Program

TUAA to Begin With Bowling, Basketball

Unions Which Dropped Sports Will Take Part in Expanded Tourneys—Dempsey Wires Meeting—Cooperation With Civilian Defense Program, Army Camps Sports Stressed

By Lester Rodney
New York's Trade Union Athletic Association is launching a series of recreational activities to gear its program to the national drive for physical fitness to win the war.

An executive board meeting at the Hotel Capital Saturday night, attended by 30 unions, AFL and CIO, adopted three proposals for the month of February designed to revitalize its activities in line with the Physical Fitness program of Civilian Defense. At the meeting, some of the member unions dropped their sports programs. The experience of those unions which maintained and extended recreational activities has proven the value of a rounded program, both from the point of view of greater fitness for workers, civilian defenders and soldiers-to-be, and of being able to help the budding sports program of the army camps.

The program voted at the meeting will begin with the following three steps:

1—A Bowling Congress to involve from 50 to 75 unions, to include both men's and women's teams. The sponsorship of the TUAA will guarantee an absence of the discrimination against Negroes which is maintained by the American Bowling Congress. The meeting to plan this will take place Feb. 17th.

2—An elimination basketball tournament to involve from 25 to 35 unions. The purpose of this is to give those unions which haven't participated in the league competition this year an opportunity to do this. A meeting at the TUAA office on Feb. 10 will organize this tournament, which will be held at Seward Park High School.

3—A mass parade and field day to take place early in the spring to popularize in dramatic fashion the need for Health and Physical Fitness. This will be held in conjunction with the Directors of Physical Fitness. Included can be sports groups, outstanding athletes, fraternal groups, trade unionists, students and other groups, depicting what they are doing to keep fit for victory.

4—The Executive Board was

changed to the Physical Fitness Directors Council.

The meeting was opened with the showing of the National League educational film, "Safe at Home," which was enjoyed by the delegates. (The film can be obtained free by writing to the New York Giants, 104 W. 42nd St.)

DEMPSY WIRES MEETING

The need of a free people to carry on its competitive sports activities for aggressiveness and stamina was stressed by delegates. Jack Dempsey sent a wire from Washington. "Am terribly sorry can't make it—Ned will explain." Jack's business manager, Ned Brown, explained that the ex champ was unable to get away but would be at the next meeting of the TUAA.

ROTH REPORTS

The report of Jack Roth, Executive Secretary, emphasized the need of carrying on more activities amongst the unions and its members during the present emergency. The greater tasks put upon the working people, the need of some relaxation, and the large numbers of rejections amongst the draftees—one third of all draftees rejected—makes it imperative, he said, for the unions to give greater consideration to the health and physical fitness of its members than they have heretofore.

The discussion took on the character of a clearing house for ideas. Charles Thaler, Furriers Joint Board, explained how his basketball team has helped to build the prestige of the union and the morale of the Army by playing Army teams. George Friedman, Meat Cutters Local 623, spoke about the success his union had in running a boxing show, and suggested that the TUAA

Montgomery Aims for Title In Non Title Go

Crack Philly Negro Contender Confident He'll Take Angott

Bob Montgomery, Philadelphia's crack Negro lightweight is aiming to square accounts with champion Sammy Angott at the Garden Friday night in their twelve round over the weight fray, and then go on to beat him again for the title. He is willing to give Angott the non title match now only because he feels so confident that he can beat Sammy decisively enough to prove that he is the real champion, and thus force the immediate title match to follow.

Angott's angle is making a "non title" match first to cash in on his championship to the extent of at least two fights before putting the crown on the line. Which makes sense financially even if it doesn't indicate tremendous confidence in his ability to beat Montgomery.

There are very few defeats in the Montgomery record. One of the few inflicted by Angott in the Quaker City a little over a year ago. Since then Montgomery has gone unbeaten through fifteen contests and has registered nine knockouts. He is a much better fighter today.

It so happens that Montgomery has scaled 136 or better for all his recent scraps and, before encountering Angott for the championship, it may be necessary for him to engage in a bout of fifteen rounds at 135 pounds. In which case Montgomery may be called upon to face the winner of the Allice Stolz-Bobby Ruffin match slated for the Garden on Feb. 27.

CAN MAKE WEIGHT
But Montgomery insists he is a genuine lightweight, can make 135 pounds with no sacrifice of stamina and, having boxed and won over the 12-round route, can go 15 with no trouble.

"We've had difficulty getting lightweight to face Montgomery," says Thomas, "That's why he's had to take such men as Mike Kaplan, Al Newell, Mayne Padin, and other men who have outweighed him. Naturally, there was no point in bringing Montgomery down to 135 pounds to fight 147-pounders. He'll weigh no more than 136 or 137 when he meets Angott on Friday and we will have to watch his eating and training to be sure he doesn't go down below 135."

run a show for some relief agency, or for the Army.

Nat Shorberg, UOPWA, talked about the activities being carried on at the Textile H. S. by his union, with very good attendance in the Skating and Health classes. He proposed that efforts be made to have to get the Board of Education to open more schools.

WOMEN IN KEY ROLES

Julia Henry, Hotel Club Workers, Local 6, spoke about the needs of involving more women in the activities, the fact being that women are playing the major role in Civilian Defense. Irving Fishman, Dept. Store Local 3, stated that he had a number of girls basketball teams but couldn't get any competition—so the Furriers offered to play them.

FITZ HELPS

Carl Lago, UERMWA, spoke about the sports night his union is running at Madison Square Garden. He proposed that efforts be made to have to get the Board of Education to open more schools.

After the adoption of the proposals the meeting ended on a high note of enthusiasm and resolve to do more in the unions for fitness for victory.

IT AIN'T TRUE—



This picture of a baseball press box does NOT show Lester Rodney or Scorer with the beautiful Katharine Hepburn. It's Spencer Tracy at work, and the picture was sent to our feature department in connection with the forthcoming film about a scribe. Furthermore, not only are women with big hats not allowed in the press box, but women are not allowed in the press box.

'Fight World' Plans Memorial For Kindly Old Lady of Summit

Madame Bey Came from Washington Embassies And Carnegie Hall

The rather odd assortment of people known as "the fight world" is planning some sort of memorial for one of its most incongruous members, Madame Hranoush Bey, who passed away last week near the rambling house on the hill in Summit, New Jersey known as Madame Bey's Training Camp. It was there for 22 years this soft spoken woman took care of hundreds of prize fighters conditioning for their battles within the roped square.

She was quite a character, Madame Bey. White-haired oldsters who have long since retired from the embassies in Washington remember her as Hranoush Aghaganian, the "Armenian Pearl" who came to America from Constantinople in 1898 as the bride of Sidney Bey, secretary of the Turkish legation.

Elderly music lovers recall her as a protégé of Lillian Nordica and a slip of a girl with a coloratura voice who started singing in Carnegie Hall and finished singing in the Metropolitan Opera.

Historians and journalists have written of her as the Presidential favorite who was standing only two paces to the right when William McKinley was fatally wounded. She was the woman who summoned Surgeon General Risley to the stricken President's side.

But the champions and the not so great fighters, the so-called "pugs," remember her best—as the middle-aged lady who came to Summit, N. J., in 1920, and with the help of Paul Bernbach, Johnny Wilson, Sid Teris, Pancho Villa and Joe Lynch built the White House famed as the best prize fighters' training camp in all the world.

"They were my best boys," she mused in later years, "and like all the others they were thorough gentlemen. They marched right over to the 30 acres my husband, Sidney, owned, and as they swung along behind me they marched

and shouted hep, hep, hep. That's how Madame Bey's was built." It was quite a change from Washington and Carnegie Hall to a fight camp in New Jersey. But the madame made it good; she had to. For the Bey fortune was wiped out.

It was just a few years until the fight camp became famous. It was known merely as "Madame Bey's" and sooner or later most of the greats of the ring came to the big white house on the hill—McGuire and Battling Siki, Dempsey and Baer, Tunney and Schmeling, Carnera and Steele. Champion or third-rater, they all paid the same rate—\$40 a week—and received equal attention. Siki, the "Battling Bengalese" was a great favorite of hers, "a fine gentleman to know," and she was shocked at his tragic death.

The madame mothered the boys, but she didn't bother them. She knew nothing of ring routine, but it didn't matter. Only once did

Late Saturday Night Scores

NYU 67, Lehigh 40
Princeton 16, Yale 24
LNU 58, Albright 44
Notre Dame 68, Marquette 42
Michigan 24, Minnesota 32
Syracuse 43, Penn 27
Drexel 10, Newark Engineering 35
Sacker C. 43, Newark 27
Notre 47, St. Peter's 43
Kansas 44, DePaul 28
Penn St. 41, Temple 35
Indiana 63, Chicago 34
Kansas 44, DePaul 28
Iowa St. 39, Nebraska 33
Cincinnati 47, Ohio W. 38
Arkansas 39, Tulsa 30
Georgia Tech 38, Auburn 43
W. Texas St. 35, St. Joseph's (Pa.) 34
Tulane 55, Westminster 43
Ohio State 49, Purdue 34

Al Lakeman—

Al Lakeman, rookie catcher aiming at a regular berth with Cincinnati this year, is the only home-grown Red on the 1942 roster. He drives a florist's truck during the off-season and was an amateur heavyweight boxer two years ago, winning a free trip to the National AAU tourney at Boston in the spring of '38. . . he's a good prospect but chances are he'll go to Birmingham or Syracuse on option because Ernie Lombardi, Rolfe Hemley, and Dick West are rated ahead of him and he'll have another freshman, Ray Lamanno, to combat for the post, too.

Joan Cops

Miss Joan Hildoff of the Philadelphia skating club today won the women's novice singles championship of the 1942 eastern states skating tournament at Madison Square Garden. Her team-mate, Dawn Spencer, was second.

WHAT'S ON

RATES: What's On notices for the Daily and Sunday Worker are 25c per line (6 words to a line—3 lines minimum). DEADLINE: Daily at 12 Noon. For Sunday, 5 P.M. Friday.

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Sergeant Hank Honored By N. Y. Scribes

DiMaggio, Ott Also Get Plaques Before the Fun Starts

The annual dinner of the Baseball Writers Association of New York held last night at the Commodore honored three ball players before throwing the lampoons.

Hank Greenberg was awarded a plaque for distinguished services in volunteering to rejoin the Army for the duration immediately after being mustered out as over 28. The great Detroit star is now a Sergeant in command of an anti-tank unit.

Joe DiMaggio, whose record run of 56 straight games sparked the Yanks to their pennant, received the award as the outstanding player of the year.

Met Ott, popular new manager of the Giants, received this year's plaque for outstanding services to baseball over a period of years. Then the fun started with the annual show, with no holds barred

Cookie Lavagetto — 'Flying for My Country!'

Harry (Cookie) Lavagetto, classified 3A because of the dependency of a partially crippled brother, got his brother a job and enlisted in the Naval Air Corps at Alameda, California, Saturday afternoon.

The Dodger third baseman, 27 years old, called Larry MacPhail on the phone and told him that since he knew how to fly and held an amateur pilot's license, he felt it his duty to fly for his country. He reports for duty immediately.

The hard hitting third baseman, who came from the Pirates as a youngster in 1936, was one of the most popular ball players the Dodgers ever had. A dangerous long hitter, he developed into the finest third baseman in the league and made the National League All Star team for the past four years.

Dodger fans say goodbye to Cookie for the duration and hail his patriotic move. Keep 'em flying, Cookie, and may you help make it another pennant winning year for your team!



READER CORRECTS RODNEY ON DADO, FILIPINO CHAMP

Dear Lester Rodney:

I don't mean to criticize your column, because it is the best I have ever read. But your column on Jan. 30 concerning the Filipino boxers should have mentioned Speedy Dado as a good little flyweight champion. I have read quite a lot about Dado, and as far as the true records are concerned he is still the champion today. Of course I know that the New York State has no recognized champion and I know that the NBA used to recognize Dado as the last champion. Would you please clear up this matter for me?

Harold Goldklang,
Middle Village, N. Y.

(We mentioned 1 Dado, but neglected to mention that he is still recognized by the NBA as flyweight champion. Thanks for the correction. That makes three Filipino ring champions, with Pancho Villa and Cefarino Garcia, quite a record for the little islanders. Little Dado has a magnificent record, having lost only one fight in America, to Jackie Jurich in 1935. He reversed that decision almost immediately. He was born 1920 in Luzon, named Elesterio Zapanta. Among the 50 victims of his speed and 115-pound punch were Tony Ramirez, Small Montana, Joe Roche, Lou Salica, Bobby Wright, Tony Olivera, Little Pancho. The last we heard, Little Dado was home in the Philippines and is more than likely in the battle against the Japanese invaders.—L.R.)

FISTIC ROW BASKETBALL

Maxie Shapiro of New York and Sal Barola of Boston met for the fourth time on Feb. 3 at the Coliseum. . . Each holds a victory over the other and the third bout was a draw. . . Chick Wergesle, manager of Beau Jack, reports that his charge has a new wrinkle in training. Jack, recently recovered from pneumonia, now does his roadwork on roller skates. Does 20 miles a day that way. . . Charley Johnston turned down an offer of \$10,000 for Lulu Constantino's contract the other day. Constantino has won 51

Saturday night's results saw LNU beat Albright at the Pennsylvania School, 59-54. We have no means of getting the exact details of this one, which was played very late. Dick Holub was handicapped by a sprained side muscle incurred in the West Texas game Wednesday night.

West Texas licked St. Joseph's fine team in Philly 59-56. (St. Joe's trimmed CCNY, remember?). NYU romped over a weak Lehigh team at the Heights gym, 67-40, using the reserves a lot. Paul Payne surprisingly blossomed as a scorer, hitting 13 points to take second to Bob Davidoff's 14. Bob seems to hit much better in the gym than in the Garden so far this year. Sophomore Ologower and Grenart continued to show improvement, and for the St. Francis game Wednesday night Simmons and Mele of the unbeaten, high scoring freshmen will become eligible. St. Francis will probably be favored over NYU and has the possibilities of turning the whole net, race upside down. Joe Brennan wasn't kidding.

We have no means of getting the result of the Brooklyn College—North Carolina College for Negroes game played in Washington, D. C. Saturday night until today, when the team returns. The wire services ignored the game.

Southworth Not Surprised That Cards Are Picked

SUNBURY, O., Feb. 1 (UP).—Squire William Southworth, gentleman farmer of Delaware County was informed today that many baseball experts are favoring his Cardinals to win the National League pennant.

Whereupon Manager Billy—in carpenter's apron, red-checked shirt and high rubber boots—commented: "Well, you can't blame them for that."

What was the meaning of this statement from the builder of the new house on the hill?

"I mean," said Southworth, "that we have a strong, well-rounded club this season—one that has an excellent chance of winning the pennant. If we get the breaks."

Was Billy predicting that the Cards would cop the flag?

"No, indeed," he explained, "I wouldn't be that silly. Any manager who predicts a pennant before the season opens should have his head examined. Too many things can happen during the summer for a fellow to go out on the limb like that. I say we've got a good chance—a darned good chance, and I'll even go far as to say we'll finish in first division."

The Card pilot was almost as enthusiastic over his club as over his new nine-room stone house, now nearing completion on a hill in the heart of his 120-acre farm. Billy, who calls himself a "work butcher," has been helping the workmen on his dwelling since October.

Southworth figures that the Cardinals of '42 are stronger than last season's club which finished only two and a half games out of first place, despite a heart-breaking string of injuries to key players.

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